

May 11, 2022

WHEREAS, the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic has been declared a public health disaster; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Treasury (“Treasury”) has made funding available to the City of Dallas to cover expenses incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City received a direct allocation from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund of the Treasury in the total amount of \$355,426,891.00; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2021, the City Council authorized application for and acceptance of a direct allocation from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund of the Treasury in the total amount of \$355,426,891.00, by Resolution No. 21-1149; and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2021, City Council was briefed on allocation of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act, including allocation of \$800,000.00 to the Food Banks/Pantries Support Program to provide financial support in the form of grants to Dallas-based Hunger Relief Organizations that were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and/or by needs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2021, City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget, which authorized the appropriation of \$355,426,891.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act in Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, including \$25,400,000.00 to support people in crisis by providing mental health care, children/family services, food/essentials assistance, benefits/financial navigation, and contract oversight/technology, by Resolution No. 21-1590; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2022, the Workforce, Education, and Equity Committee was briefed via memorandum on the proposed program statement for the ARPA Food Banks/Pantries Support Program, and recommended approval of the program statement; and

WHEREAS, City of Dallas nonprofit organizations have experienced negative economic impacts or disproportionate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and continue to struggle with unmet needs, due to decreased revenue, increased costs, increased service need in the community, and other financial hardships; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas has seen and continues to see significant demand for local food pantries and distribution sites among city of Dallas residents impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic due to job loss, reduced or lost income, and increased expenses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas will benefit from providing financial support, through the Food Banks/Pantries Support Program, to Dallas-based Hunger Relief Organizations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic because such support will provide food to low- and moderate-income residents in need.

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Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the program statement for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)/Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) - Food Banks/Pantries Support Program, as shown in **Exhibit A**, is hereby approved, to provide financial support in the form of grants to Dallas-based Hunger Relief Organizations that were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and/or by needs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

SECTION 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.