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WHEREAS, on October 19, 2020 the City authorized an Administrative Action service contract with Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas to provide evictions assistance in the form of education & training, counseling, and legal representation; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2021, City Council authorized a subrecipient agreement with Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, most advantageous proposer of two, to provide legal services to Dallas residential tenants at risk of eviction and homelessness due to financial hardships brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic for the period December 31, 2020 through December 31, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, by Resolution No. 21-0167; and

WHEREAS, it is found that the initiative addressed the eviction crisis with the goal of keeping families housed and educating tenants and landlords on their rights and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, it is found that to mitigate the problem of people finding themselves facing possible eviction or before the eviction courts, the resources to retain legal representation through the Eviction Assistance Initiative is imperative during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2021, City Council authorized the final reading and adoption of the appropriation ordinance for the FY 2021-22 City of Dallas Operating, Capital, and Grant & Trust Budgets, which included the ARPA funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury for the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds by Resolution No. 21-1590.

Now, Therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a subrecipient agreement with Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas (511627), approved as to form by the City Attorney, to provide legal services to residential tenants at risk of eviction and homelessness due to financial hardships brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic for the Office of Equity and Inclusion for a term of ~~two-years~~ eighteen-months, in an amount not to exceed ~~\$250,000~~ \$500,000. If the service was bid or proposed on an as needed basis, unit price basis for performance of specified tasks, payments made to Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas shall be based only on the amount of the services directed to be performed by the City and properly performed by Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas under the contract.

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SECTION 2. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds in an amount not to exceed ~~\$250,000~~ \$500,000 from Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Fund FC18, Department MGT, Unit AD32, Object 3070 to Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas from Service Contract No. EQU-2022-00018285.

SECTION 3. 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.