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, on April 22, 2020, City Council authorized the acceptance and administration of $234,443,127.60 in Coronavirus Relief Funds to mitigate the impact of responding to COVID-19 for the period of March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020, by Resolution No. 20-0644; and

WHEREAS, City of Dallas residents have been impacted by reduced hours, job losses, increased healthcare expenses, increased childcare expenses, and many other ways financially; and

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2020, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (Act) was signed into law and funding made available through the Treasury for the City of Dallas to provide rental and utility assistance programs for the period of December 28, 2020 through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021, City Council authorized (1) the acceptance of rental assistance program funds; (2) implementation of the Emergency Rental Assistance and Utility Assistance Program; and (3) the execution of five subrecipient agreements with Abounding Prosperity, Incorporated, Dallas Leadership Foundation, First Presbyterian Church of Dallas, Texas dba the Stewpot, International Rescue Committee, Inc., and United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, Inc., to provide up to twelve months rental and utility assistance to low-income households impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, in an amount not to exceed $10,000,000.00, by Resolution No. 21-0240; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2022, City Council authorized the (1) application for and acceptance of additional grant funds from the U.S. Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") for the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 Coronavirus Response and Relief Funds for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (CFDA No. 21.023) in an amount not to exceed $565,428.09; (2) establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed $565,428.09 in the Emergency Rental Assistance Program Fund; (3) receipt and deposit of funds in an amount not to exceed $565,428.09 in the Emergency Rental Assistance Program Fund; (4) disbursement of funds in an amount not to exceed $565,428.09 from the Emergency Rental Assistance Program Fund; and (5) execution of any documents necessary with the Treasury to accept and/or spend the funds, in an amount not to exceed $565,428.09, by Resolution No. 22-0648; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Act, the Treasury reallocated funds based on demonstrated need; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Act, the Treasury has made additional funding, in an amount not to exceed $267,234.60, available to the City of Dallas to support rental and utility assistance programs for the period of July 29, 2022 through December 29, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas has seen and continues to see significant demand for rental and utilities assistance among those impacted by or during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now, Therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the City Council hereby ratifies the City Manager's application for additional funding from the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) for the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 Coronavirus Response and Relief Funds for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (CFDA No. 21.023), and the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept such additional funding in an amount not to exceed $267,234.60, increasing the appropriations from $41,265,428.09 to $41,532,662.69, to provide emergency rental assistance services for individuals directly and indirectly impacted by and/or during the COVID-19 pandemic; and execute and agree to all terms and conditions of an amendment or other document required to receive such additional funding, approved as to form by the City Attorney.

SECTION 2. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to receive and deposit additional grant funds for the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program in an amount not to exceed $267,234.60 in the 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program Fund, Fund FC11, Department MGT, Unit 900G, Revenue Code 6506.

SECTION 3. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds in an amount not to exceed $267,234.60 in the 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program Fund, Fund FC11, Department MGT, Unit 900G, Object 3099.

SECTION 4. That when necessary, the City Manager or designee is authorized to execute change orders or amendments to the subrecipient agreements, in excess of 25 percent and/or $50,000.00 (subject to compliance with the applicable procurement laws), to commit and expend funds timely to meet federal and/or state requirements.

SECTION 5. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to spend funds in compliance with the Emergency Rental Assistance and Utility Assistance Program (ERA Program or the Program), Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and in accordance with guidance from the Treasury.

SECTION 6. That City Manager is hereby authorized to take all necessary actions to account for and report the use, including but not limited to creating additional funds/units, and transferring appropriations between funds/units as efforts continue and further information on eligible uses is released.

SECTION 7. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute all documents and agreements necessary to implement the Program, including but not limited to agreement(s) to administer the program, approved as to form by the City Attorney.

SECTION 8. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to reimburse to the granting agency any expenditure identified as ineligible. The City Manager shall notify the appropriate City Council Committee of expenditures identified as ineligible not later than 30 days after the reimbursement.

SECTION 9. That the City Manager shall keep the appropriate City Council Committee informed of all final granting agency monitoring reports not later than 30 days after the receipt of the report.

SECTION 10. That the City Manager or his designee is authorized to provide additional information, make adjustments, and take other actions related to the implementation of the grant as may be necessary to satisfy the U.S. Department of Treasury.

SECTION 11. That this contract is designated as Contract No. OCC-2022-00019914.

SECTION 12. 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.