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WHEREAS, on December 12, 2007, City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a ninety-four-month contract, with two sixty-month renewal options, with Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance to provide management services for the transition of operations, programming, and management of the Homeless Assistance Center for the period December 12, 2007, through September 30, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$27,173,214, by Resolution No. 07-3739; and

WHEREAS, Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance (MDHA) subsequently spun off the operation of The Bridge into a separate Texas nonprofit corporation, Bridge Steps, and on October 1, 2011, Bridge Steps assumed all of MDHA's obligations under the Prior Contract and amendments thereto; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2015, City Council authorized the first five-year renewal option to the Management Services Contract, Phase II (MSC), with Bridge Steps for the continued operation, programming, and management of The Bridge for the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2020; funding for the first year of the five-year renewal term of the MSC with General Funds in an amount not to exceed \$3,800,000 for the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016; an Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County to accept \$1,000,000, to assist in providing homeless assistance services at The Bridge through the City's contractor, Bridge Steps for the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016; an Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County to accept 2015-16 Emergency Solutions Grant Funds for shelter operations at The Bridge in the amount of \$113,357 for the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016; and use of 2015-16 Emergency Solutions Grant Funds for shelter operations at The Bridge from the Homeless Assistance Center - Operations line item in the amount of \$378,279, in a total amount not to exceed \$5,291,636, by Resolution No. 15-1800; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2017, City Council authorized an amended and restated Management Services Contract, Phase II (MSC), with Bridge Steps consistent with the original intent as a low-barrier, housing-focused shelter with proven results in housing placement, reduction in average length stay and reduction in returns to homelessness and to ensure The Bridge complies with all conditions for additional funding for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2020; funding for Bridge Steps for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 from General Funds in an amount not to exceed \$4,800,000; funding for Bridge Steps for the period September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018 from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Grant Funds, under the Homeless Housing and Services Program in an amount not to exceed \$811,130, previously approved on September 13, 2017, by Resolution No. 17-1421; and execution of the MSC, in a total not to exceed \$5,611,130, by Resolution No. 17-1865; and

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WHEREAS, on September 26, 2018, City Council authorized the second five-year renewal option to the amended and restated Management Services Contract, Phase II, with Bridge Steps, for continued operation of The Bridge for the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2023; funding for the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$4,470,000; new good neighbor provisions relating to community engagement and internal and external operations; and up to 50 pay-to-stay shelter beds for stays of up to 90 days per person at a rate of \$12 per person per night for the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$235,000, in a total not to exceed \$4,705,000, by Resolution No. 18-1410; and

WHEREAS, the City's Restated Prior Contract and amendments' term terminates on September 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, The Bridge Homeless Assistance Center ("The Bridge"), located at 1818 Corsicana Street, is the City's only low barrier shelter and entry point for all single adults experiencing homelessness in the City, serving approximately 3,800 persons experiencing homelessness per year, and is vital to keeping guests sheltered and safe while also helping them exit homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the City cannot operate The Bridge without an experienced third-party who can manage the complex needs of Dallas unsheltered residents and privately fund a significant portion of the facility's annual operating budget; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2022, the City entered into an operations, management, and services agreement with Bridge Steps dba The Bridge as a low-barrier, housing-focused shelter, in the amount of \$4,519,000.00, by Resolution No. 22-0653; and

WHEREAS, this agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$831,284.00, will increase the contract amount from \$4,519,000.00 to \$5,350,284.00.

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 an amendment to Resolution No. 22-0653, previously approve on April 27, 2022, with Bridge Steps dba The Bridge, approved as to form by the City Attorney, increasing the total contract amount in the amount of \$831,284.00 for the management and all operational responsibility of the City's homeless shelter facility for the Office of Homeless Solutions.

SECTION 2. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds to Bridge Steps dba The Bridge from the FY2023 TDHCA-Homeless and Housing Services Program 22-23 Fund, Fund S389, Department MGT, Unit 304C, Object 3070, Service Contract No. OHS-2022-00014882, Vendor VS0000067075.

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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.