

June 23, 2021

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 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 the acceptance of rental assistance program funds and a new Emergency Rental Assistance Program to provide up to twelve months rental and utility assistance to low income households impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic by Resolution No. 21-0240.

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the American Recovery Plan Act (“Act”) was signed into law, extending the timeframe for use of rental and utility assistance funds through September 30, 2022; and

[WHEREAS, the Act provided \\$21.6 billion under the American Rescue Plan for Emergency Rental Assistance – including \\$2.5 billion targeted to the highest-need areas, where job loss and high market costs have made it especially difficult for low-income renters; and](#)

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Act, the Treasury has made additional funding available to the City of Dallas [in the total amount of \\$50,225,677.40](#) to support rental and utility assistance programs for the period of May 21, 2021 through September 30, 2025; 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:

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SECTION 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for and accept funding from the U.S. Department of the Treasury for the American Recovery Plan Act of 2021 (CFDA No. ~~TBD~~ 21.023) in the amount of \$50,225,677.40 to provide emergency rental assistance services for individuals directly and indirectly impacted by and/or during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SECTION 2. 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 3. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to spend funds in compliance with the American Recovery Plan Act and in accordance with guidance from the Treasury for Emergency Rental Assistance Program for the period of May 21, 2021 through September 30, 2025 or later, as extended by the Treasury.

SECTION 4. That the Treasury Department disbursed 40% of the funds within 60 days of enactment. The City received \$20,090,270.96 on May 27, 2021. Subsequent payments will be allocated once 75% of the previous allocation is obligated.

SECTION 45. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to receive and deposit grant funds in an amount not to exceed ~~\$50,225,677.40~~ \$20,090,270.96 in the ARPA Emergency Rental Assistance Round 2 Fund, Fund FC19, Department MGT, Unit 918G, Revenue Code 6506.

SECTION 56. That City Manager is hereby authorized to establish appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$50,225,677.40 in the ARPA Emergency Rental Assistance Round 2 Fund, Fund FC19, Department MGT, Unit 918G, Object 3099.

SECTION 7. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds in an amount not to exceed \$20,090,270.96 in the ARPA Emergency Rental Assistance Round 2 Fund, Fund FC19, Department MGT, Unit 918G, Object 3099.

SECTION 68. 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.

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SECTION ~~7~~9. That the City Manager hereby authorizes **(1)** the amendments to the program statement for an Emergency Rental Assistance and Utility Assistance Program, previously approved by Resolution No. 21-0240, on January 27, 2021, as shown in **Exhibit A**, due to Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) to integrate new and updated regulations and guidance and to remove the previously established monthly assistance cap of \$1,500.00 per unit per month (“ERA 1”); and **(2)** implement and establish the Emergency Rental Assistance and Utility Assistance Program 2, pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act as shown in **Exhibit B** (“ERA 2”) (collectively referred to as the “Program”).

SECTION ~~8~~10. 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 ~~9~~11. 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 ~~10~~12. That this contract is designated as Contract No. OCC-2021-00016760.

SECTION ~~11~~13. That up to 15% of the funds may be utilized for program administration including but not limited to technology, equipment and positions.

SECTION ~~12~~14. 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 ~~13~~15. 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 ~~14~~16. 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.