

March 8, 2023

**WHEREAS**, on June 23, 2021, City Council authorized the acceptance of American Rescue Plan Act funds (ARPA funds) from the U.S. Department of Treasury for the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to provide relief during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic by Resolution No. 21-1149; 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dallas recognizes that having access to the internet is critical for families and individuals during this time of crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, the ability to access the internet help families and individuals do a wide range of activities, from schoolwork to job searching to paying bills, all while practicing social distancing and dealing with the closures of many businesses and social services; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals often encounter challenges in seeking to connect to and use the internet include selecting affordable plans, safe/effective applications and tools, and increased time spent on troubleshooting technology; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dallas seeks to support the provision of services that can help overcome these barriers through community engagement and assistance through pre-established community trust and relationships for identified populations; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 29, 2022, the City issued a Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals (Solicitation No. BOZ22-00020338) for administering a digital navigators program to benefit eligible City residents who have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and who are members of low- or moderate-income households in accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, codified as Social Security Act §§ 602 and 603 (the Act) and SLFR regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, Dallas Innovation submitted a proposal in response to the RFCSP to, in accordance with the Act and SLFR Regulations, administer a digital navigators program in the City of Dallas to re-skill or up-skill City residents who have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and are members of low- or moderate-income households to address the digital divide and digital inequity by improving Internet access and digital literacy skills via the four pillars of digital equity: access, affordability, devices, and literacy skills.

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**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 Dallas Innovation Alliance (VC19059), approved as to form by the City Attorney, for the purpose of administering a digital navigators program that focuses on the four pillars of digital equity: access, affordability, devices, and literacy skills to eligible City residents for a term of one year at an annual rate of \$1,000,000, with a one-year renewal option, for a total not to exceed amount of \$2,000,000. The agreement shall provide for, among other terms and conditions, the following:

- a. Commencement on March 8, 2023 and expiration on March 7, 2024, unless the City exercises its one-year renewal option. The agreement may be amended only upon written agreement signed by the parties;
- b. The services are to be paid by the City on a reimbursement basis for actual and allowable expenses incurred, with administrative expenses not to exceed 10 percent of the subaward amount; and
- c. Compliance with the Act, ARPA/SLFR award terms and conditions, and all other federal statutes, regulations, and executive orders applicable to a non-Federal entity, subaward, and subrecipient, including but not limited to:
  - i. section 602 of the Act, regulations adopted by Treasury pursuant to section 602(f) of the Act, and guidance issued by Treasury regarding the foregoing; and
  - ii. 31 CFR Part 35, as amended, and 2 CFR Part 200, as amended.

**SECTION 2.** That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 (subject to annual appropriations) from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Fund FC18, Department OEI, Unit AD33, Object 3070 to Dallas Innovation Alliance from Service Contract No. CMO-2022-00020338.

Initial Term:	\$1,000,000
Renewal Option: Year 1	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
Total	\$2,000,000

**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.