

September 25, 2019

**WHEREAS**, The Rockefeller Foundation (Foundation) has selected the City of Dallas (City) as a grantee for its Opportunity Zone Community Capacity Building Initiative (Initiative). The Initiative launched in May of 2019, aiming to assist cities in the–United States cities attract responsible private investment in economically distressed communities through Opportunity Zones created in the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Foundation also selected Fund for Cities of Service Inc. (Cities of Service) as community engagement lead in National Opportunity Zones Program; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the support for the implementation of the grant awarded to the City by the Foundation. The Foundation will be placing two AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) to facilitate community involvement in reviewing proposals for Opportunity Zone projects and businesses, and technical assistance to help develop project pipelines that balance the investors with those of existing community members. VISTAs will be involved in activities and interventions to ensure that the people who can benefit the most from Opportunity Zone investments have a voice in the process; and

**WHEREAS**, Cities of Service, is an independent non-profit organization that helps mayors build stronger, more vibrant cities by changing the way local government and citizens work together. The funds of Cities of Service Grant are intended to be used for materials and costs required for the implementation of the Foundation grant to the City for the Opportunity Zones Initiative and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Cities of Service grant agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 30, 2019, Administrative Action No. 19-6402 authorized the execution of Vista Terms Agreement for the advancement of the City of Dallas Opportunity Zones Initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, it is now in the best interest of the City to accept the Vista Terms Agreement and Cash Funding Agreement from Cities of Service for the advancement of the City of Dallas Opportunity Zones Strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, The Vista Terms Agreement is to establish the terms by which Cities of Service, will provide the City with a Cities of Service AmeriCorps Vista Guiding Opportunities Programs subgrant of up to two AmeriCorps Vista members to support the City commitment to achieve positive economic and social outcomes for communities through community-informed Opportunity Zone investments during the implementation of The Rockefeller Foundation Opportunity Zone Community Capacity Building Initiative grant.

**Now, Therefore,**

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

September 25, 2019

**SECTION 1.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept grants funds from Funds of Cities of Service, Inc. for the advancement of the Opportunity Zones Strategy Initiative in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the period September 3, 2019 through September 2, 2021 and execute grant agreements and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the agreements, approved as to form by the City Attorney.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to establish appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 in the Cities of Service Grant Fund, Fund P138, Department ECO, Unit 4473, various Object Codes.

**SECTION 3.** That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to receive and deposit funds in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 in the Cities of Services Grant Fund, Fund P138, Department ECO, Unit 4473, Revenue Code 8411.

**SECTION 4.** That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 in the Cities of Service Grant Fund, Fund P138, Department ECO, Unit 4473 to the City of Dallas as reimbursement and/or as payment(s) to various vendors in various object codes for cost incurred starting September 3, 2019 through September 2, 2021.

**SECTION 5.** That this grant agreement is designated as Contract No. ECO-2019-00011547.

**SECTION 6.** 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.