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**WHEREAS**, the City of Dallas was one of ten municipalities in the nation selected to participate in the inaugural cohort of the Cities and Counties for Fine and Fee Justice Network to pursue innovative solutions to reform fines and fees; and

**WHEREAS**, across the nation, state and local governments have increased the size and severity of fines and fees, often exceeding people's ability to pay them, perpetuating and exacerbating poverty; and

**WHEREAS**, fines and fees tend to place a disproportionate burden on communities of color and low-income communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dallas seeks to assess its fines, fees, and related collections practices and develop an actionable plan to advance fine and fee reform in an effort to build equitable and fair practices, programs, and policies; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dallas is the recipient of a Cities and Counties Fines and Fees Justice Cohort Grant from PolicyLink to support the analysis of the City of Dallas' fines, fees, and related collections practices, and the development of an actionable plan to advance the reform of at least three fines or fees.

**Now, Therefore,**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to **(1)** accept a grant with PolicyLink in the amount of \$50,000.00; **(2)** participate in the Cities and Counties Fines and Fees Justice Cohort; **(3)** assess or analyze the City of Dallas' fines, fees, and related collections practices, unless the City of Dallas has already conducted such an assessment of analysis for the period from June 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021; **(4)** advance or develop an actionable plan of at least three fine or fee reforms; **(5)** share the City of Dallas' lessons learned with other localities interested in reforming fines and fees; and **(6)** execute the grant agreements and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the grant, approved as to form by the City Attorney.

**SECTION 2.** That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to receive and deposit grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 from PolicyLink in the Cities and Counties Fine and Fee Justice Fund, Fund P146, Department MGT, Unit 155C, Revenue Code 8411.

**SECTION 3.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to establish appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 in the Cities and Counties Fine and Fee Justice Fund, Fund P146, Department MGT, Unit 155C, Object 3070.

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**SECTION 4.** That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 from the Cities and Counties Fine and Fee Justice Fund, Fund P146, Department MGT, Unit 155C, Object 3070.

**SECTION 5.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to reimburse PolicyLink any expenditures identified as ineligible. That the City Manager shall notify the appropriate City Council Committee of expenditures identified as ineligible not later than 30 days after the reimbursement. Further, the City Manager shall keep the appropriate City Council Committee informed of all final PolicyLink audit reports not later than 30 days after the receipt of the report.

**SECTION 6.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to make changes to the grant in accordance with PolicyLink regulations and to provide additional information, make adjustments, and take other actions relating to these budgets as may be necessary in order to satisfy PolicyLink requirements.

**SECTION 7.** That this grant agreement is designated as Contract No. MGT-2020-00014737.

**SECTION 8.** 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.