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WHEREAS, the City of Dallas has issued emergency regulations to slow the spread of the 2019 novel (new) coronavirus, now known as COVID-19, in the city of Dallas; and

WHEREAS, to prevent the spread of COVID–19 and to protect life and property and preserve critical resources while a state of disaster is in effect dine-in service for restaurants was prohibited and bars, lounges, taverns, private clubs, gyms, health studios, theaters and commercial amusement facilities were closed for a period of time and remain closed to varying degrees; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 event has had a severe negative economic impact on small businesses and jobs throughout the City of Dallas; and

WHEREAS, City Council authorized Resolution No. 20-0646 on April 22, 2020, to **(1)** establish and administer the City of Dallas Small Business Continuity Fund (SBCF) Program pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 55305 and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to make grants and loans to small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00; and **(2)** execute a subrecipient agreement with Dallas Development Fund (DDF), the City's Community Development Entity, or an agreement with a vendor to be procured by the City Manager, to administer the SBCF Program; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2020, City Council authorized amendments to the SBCF Program to replace the requirement that businesses retain, at minimum, 80% of jobs held on February 29, 2020, with the requirement that eligible businesses create or retain, at minimum, one full-time job for grants and loans equal to or less than \$35,000.00, and two full-time jobs for loans greater than \$35,000.00 by Resolution No. 20-0913; and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2020, City Council authorized the City Manager to **(1)** amend the SBCF Program to change the eligibility requirements for non-CDBG funding and removed the 51 percent low to moderate income requirement; **(2)** appropriate \$2,000,000.00 in Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) funding to the SBCF Program; **(3)** amend the "Community Development Block Grant Small Business Continuity Program Management Agreement" with Subrecipient; and **(4)** execute a subrecipient agreement with Subrecipient to administer \$2,000,000.00 in CRF funding by Resolution No. 20-1167; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the SBCF program statement is desired to **(1)** amend the eligibility requirements for CRF businesses to remove the requirement that businesses employ low to moderate income workers; **(2)** increase the maximum grant to \$15,000.00; **(3)** add an additional computation method for grant and loan sizing; and **(4)** reduce the minimum number of loans funded to 25 and minimum amount of loan funding to \$1,000,000.00; and

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WHEREAS, an amendment to the contract between the City of Dallas and Dallas Development Fund as authorized by Resolution No. 20-1167 in accordance with the amended program statement and an amendment to the contract between the City of Dallas and Dallas Development Fund as authorized by Resolution No. 20-0646 are required.

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 **(1)** amendments to the Small Business Continuity Fund (SBCF) Program, attached as **Exhibit A**, to **(a)** amend the eligibility requirements for CRF businesses to remove the requirement that businesses employ Low-to-Moderate Income workers; **(b)** increase the maximum grant to \$15,000.00; **(c)** add an additional computation method for grant and loan sizing; and **(d)** reduce the minimum number of loans funded to 25 and minimum amount of loan funding to \$1,000,000.00; **(2)** a second amendment to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) subrecipient agreement between City of Dallas and the Dallas Development Fund (DDF) in accordance with the amended SBCF Program; and **(3)** a first amendment to the subrecipient agreement between the City of Dallas and DDF in accordance with the amended SBCF Program and to increase available funding by up to \$2 million in CRF funding to bring the total amount of CRF funds appropriated to the SBCF Program to up to \$4 million.

SECTION 2. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to encumber and disburse grant funds in a total amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 to Dallas Development Fund (Vendor VC21420) from the U.S. Department of Treasury Coronavirus Relief Funds, Fund F620, Department ECO, Unit 953F, Object 3016, ECO-2020-00014233.

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.