

January 13, 2021

**WHEREAS**, on October 19, 2020 the City authorized an Administrative Action service contract with Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas to provide evictions assistance in the form of education & training, counseling, and legal representation; and

**WHEREAS**, it is found that the initiative addressed the eviction crisis with the goal of keeping families housed and educating tenants and landlords on their rights and responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is found that to mitigate the problem of people finding themselves facing possible eviction or before the eviction courts, the resources to retain legal representation through the Eviction Assistance Initiative is imperative during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**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 Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas (511627), approved as to form by the City Attorney, for eviction legal services for the Office of Equity and Inclusion for a term of one-year from December 31, 2020 through December 31, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

**SECTION 2.** That the conflict of interest between the City of Dallas and Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas is hereby waived for this subrecipient agreement.

**SECTION 3.** That Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas shall; (1) obtain a conflict waiver from their clients who are adverse to the City; (2) implement an ethical wall between their staff members who are representing clients adverse to the City and those who are working on the eviction program; and (3) not use City-issued funds toward adverse litigation or clients.

**SECTION 4.** That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 (subject to annual appropriations) to Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas from Service Contract No. MGT-2021-00015316.

**SECTION 5.** 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.