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WHEREAS, the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic has been declared a public health disaster; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Treasury has made funding available to the City of Dallas to cover expenses incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, City Council authorized the acceptance and administration of \$234,443,127.60 in Coronavirus Relief Funds to mitigate the impact of responding to COVID-19 for the period of March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, City of Dallas residents have been impacted by reduced hours, job losses, increased healthcare expenses, increased childcare expenses, and many other ways financially; and

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2020, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (“Act”) was signed into law; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Act, the U.S. Department of the Treasury has made additional funding available to the City of Dallas to support rental and utility assistance programs for the period of December 28, 2020 through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas has seen and continues to see significant demand for rental and utilities assistance among those impacted by 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 **(1)** spend funds in compliance with the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and in accordance with guidance from the U.S. Department of the Treasury (“Treasury”) for Emergency Rental Assistance Program for the period of December 28, 2020 through December 30, 2021, unless extended by the Treasury; and **(2)** execute five subrecipient agreements with **(a)** Abounding Prosperity, Incorporated in an amount not to exceed \$1,080,000.00; **(b)** Dallas Leadership Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$537,000.00; **(c)** First Presbyterian Church of Dallas, Texas dba the Stewpot in an amount not to exceed \$324,000.00; **(d)** International Rescue Committee, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$268,500.00; and **(e)** United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.00, to administer rental and utility assistance, approved as to form by the City Attorney.

SECTION 2. That when necessary, the City Manager or designee is authorized to execute change orders or amendments to the subrecipient agreements, in excess of 25 percent and/or \$50,000.00 (subject to compliance with the applicable procurement laws), to commit and expend funds timely to meet federal and/or state requirements.

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SECTION 3. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for and accept funding from the U.S. Department of the Treasury for the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (CFDA No. TBD) in an amount not to exceed ~~\$40,500,000.00~~ \$40,700,000.00 to provide emergency rental assistance services for individuals directly and indirectly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

SECTION 4. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to receive and deposit grant funds for the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance in an amount not to exceed ~~\$40,500,000.00~~ \$40,700,000.00 in the 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program Fund, Fund FC11, Department MGT, Unit 900G, Revenue Code 6506.

SECTION 5. That City Manager is hereby authorized to establish appropriations in an amount not to exceed ~~\$40,500,000.00~~ \$40,700,000.00 in the 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program Fund, Fund FC11, Department MGT, Unit 900G, Object 3099.

SECTION 6. That Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds to **(1)** Abounding Prosperity, Incorporated, in an amount not to exceed \$1,080,000.00; **(2)** Dallas Leadership Foundation, in an amount not to exceed \$537,000.00; **(3)** First Presbyterian Church of Dallas, Texas dba the Stewpot, in an amount not to exceed \$324,000.00; **(4)** International Rescue Committee, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$268,500.00; and **(5)** United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, Inc., in an amount not to exceed the amount of \$10,000,000.00.

U.S. Department of Treasury - 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program Fund
Fund FC11, Department MGT, Unit 900G, Object 3099
Encumbrance/Contract No. OCC-2021-00015592
Vendor No. VS0000010641 \$1,080,000.00

U.S. Department of Treasury - 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program Fund
Fund FC11, Department MGT, Unit 900G, Object 3099
Encumbrance/Contract No. OCC-2021-00015593
Vendor No. 517338 \$ 537,000.00

U.S. Department of Treasury - 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program Fund
Fund FC11, Department MGT, Unit 900G, Object 3099
Encumbrance/Contract No. OCC-2021-00015591
Vendor No. VS0000048892 \$ 324,000.00

U.S. Department of Treasury - 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program Fund
Fund FC11, Department MGT, Unit 900G, Object 3099
Encumbrance/Contract No. OCC-2021-00015594
Vendor No. VS100372 \$ 268,500.00

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SECTION 6. (continued)

U.S. Department of Treasury – 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program Fund
Fund FC11, Department MGT, Unit 900G, Object 3099
Encumbrance/Contract No. OCC-2021-00015590 \$10,000,000.00
Vendor 601248

Total amount not to exceed \$12,209,500.00

SECTION 7. That City Manager is hereby authorized to take all necessary actions to account for and report the use of 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program Fund, Fund FC11, including but not limited to creating additional funds/units, and transferring appropriations between funds/units as efforts continue and further information on eligible uses is released.

SECTION 8. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to implement **(1)** an Emergency Rental Assistance and Utility Assistance Program (“ERA Program” or the “Program”) as described in **Exhibit A** due to Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) to provide up to twelve months of rental assistance and/or utility payments and/or other expenses related to housing for low- and moderate-income persons at or below 50 percent or at or below 80 percent of the area median income

SECTION 9. That the City Manager is authorized to execute all documents and agreements necessary to implement the Program, including but not limited to agreement(s) to administer the program, approved as to form by the City Attorney.

SECTION 10. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to reimburse to the granting agency any expenditure identified as ineligible. The City Manager shall notify the appropriate City Council Committee of expenditures identified as ineligible not later than 30 days after the reimbursement.

SECTION 11. That up to 10 percent of the funds may be utilized for program administration including technology, equipment and positions and that positions be created in the Office of Community Care and 2 positions in the Office of Budget and Management Services to manage, administer and provide program oversight during the term of this grant, including 2 program compliance managers; 6 outreach workers; 4 intake specialists; 1 senior caseworker; 2 budget analysts; and 3 senior contract compliance administrators.

SECTION 12. That the City Manager shall keep the appropriate City Council Committee informed of all final granting agency monitoring reports not later than 30 days after the receipt of the report.

SECTION 13. That the City Manager or his designee is authorized to provide additional information, make adjustments, and take other actions related to the implementation of the grant as may be necessary to satisfy the U.S. Department of Treasury.

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SECTION 14. 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.