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WHEREAS, on December 12, 2007, City Council authorized the Management Services Contract, Phase II (the "Contract"), with Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance ("MDHA") for the operation, programming, and management of The Bridge Homeless Assistance Center ("The Bridge"), for the period December 12, 2007 through September 30, 2015 by Resolution No. 07-3739; and

WHEREAS, MDHA subsequently spun off the operation of The Bridge into a separate Texas nonprofit corporation, Bridge Steps, and on October 1, 2011, Bridge Steps assumed all MDHA's obligations under the Contract and amendments thereto; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2015, City Council authorized the first five-year renewal option to the Contract, with Bridge Steps for continued operation of The Bridge, for the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2020, which continued requirements relating to Bridge Steps' fundraising and financial stability, as well as participation in the local designated Homeless Management Information System ("HMIS") selected by the Continuum of Care and managed by the HMIS lead agency, to record and report client level demographic and service data on a timely basis by Resolution No. 15-1800; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2017, City Council approved the amended and restated Management Services Contract, Phase II (the "Restated Contract"), with Bridge Steps, for continued operation, programming, and management of The Bridge, as a low-barrier, housing-focused shelter committed to ending and preventing homelessness, with continued emphasis on using HMIS to record and report client and services data, and increased emphasis on fundraising and financial sustainability, and by floor amendment, accelerated the end date of the first renewal term from September 30, 2020 to September 30, 2018, with a second renewal term, at the City's election, to begin on October 1, 2018 and end of September 30, 2023, by Resolution No. 17-1865; and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2018, City Council approved the second renewal option to the Restated Contract with Bridge Steps, for continued operation of The Bridge for a renewal term beginning October 1, 2018 and by floor amendment, accelerated the end date of the second renewal term from September 30, 2023 to September 30, 2020; funding for the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019; new good neighbor provisions relating to community engagement and internal and external operations; and up to 50 pay-to-stay shelter beds for stays of up to 90 days per person at a rate of \$12.00 per person per night, for the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019 by Resolution No. 18-1410; and

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WHEREAS, on August 14, 2019, City Council approved acceptance of a grant from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs ("TDHCA") to provide services to the homeless through the Homeless Housing and Services Program ("HHSP"), to provide operating assistance to the Bridge in the amount of \$843,421.00 for the period September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020 by Resolution No. 19-1512; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2020, City Council approved Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to the amended and restated Management Services Contract, Phase II, with Bridge Steps for continued operation, programming, and services at The Bridge for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 by Resolution No. 20-0272; and

WHEREAS, Dallas County will provide funding in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 through interlocal Agreement approved by separate resolution, to be used by the City of Dallas for the operation of the facility, as revenue applied to the City's General Fund for The Bridge totaling \$4,443,847.00, for a net cost to the City of \$3,443,847.00; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Homeless Point In Time Count shows that there are, on any given night, over 3,700 homeless persons in the City of Dallas, of which about 1,150 are unsheltered living on the streets and in other places not meant for human habitation within the City limits, and the lack of available shelter capacity within the City of Dallas continues to create a shelter crisis; and

WHEREAS, On August 11, 2021, City Council approved acceptance of a grant from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs ("TDHCA") to provide services to the homeless through the Homeless Housing and Services Program ("HHSP"), for the period September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022, by Resolution No. 21-1275. The FY 2021 TDHCA HHSP Grant award included the general allocation in the amount of \$818,966.00 (which provides operating assistance to The Bridge); and

WHEREAS, under Track 1 of the City of Dallas Office of Homeless Solutions' four-track strategy aimed at increasing shelter capacity for unsheltered homeless through contracted shelter beds, Bridge Steps has agreed to continue to make available up to 50 pay-to-stay shelter beds at The Bridge for stays of up to 90 days per person at a rate of \$12.00 per person per night, and the City of Dallas desires to provide continued funding for those beds; and

WHEREAS, The Bridge serves almost 7,000 persons experiencing homelessness per year; and the City of Dallas desires to continue the operation, programming, and services at The Bridge as a low-barrier, housing-focused shelter, including up to 50 pay-to-stay shelter beds, for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

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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 Agreement No.5, approved as to form by the City Attorney, to the amended and restated Management Services Contract with Bridge Steps for continued operation, programming, and services at The Bridge for a period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022; funding from the City of Dallas, General Fund in an amount not to exceed \$4,443,847.00 for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022; funding from the City of Dallas, General Fund in an amount not to exceed \$219,000.00 for up to 50 pay-to-stay shelter beds for stays of up to 90 days per person at a rate of \$12.00 per person per night for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022; and Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs ("TDHCA") Homeless Housing and Services Program ("HHSP") Grant Funds in an amount not to exceed \$818,966.00 for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, approved as to form by the City Attorney.

SECTION 2. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds in an amount not to exceed \$4,662,847.00, to Bridge Steps (VS0000067075) from General Fund, Fund 0001, Department MGT, Unit 4311, Object 3070, Encumbrance/Contract No. MASC-OHS-2017-00003150, for continued operation, programming, and services at the Bridge.

SECTION 3. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds in an amount not to exceed \$818,966.00, to Bridge Steps (VS0000067075) from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs ("TDHCA") Homeless Housing and Services Program ("HHSP") Grant Funds, Fund S369, Department MGT, Unit 222C, Object 3070, Encumbrance/Contract No. MASC-OHS-2017-00003150, for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

SECTION 4. 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.