



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Human and Social Needs
AGENDA DATE: September 23, 2020
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All
DEPARTMENT: Office of Homeless Solutions
EXECUTIVE: Nadia Chandler-Hardy

SUBJECT

Authorize an Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County to accept \$1,000,000.00, to be granted to Bridge Steps for homeless assistance services to be provided at The Bridge, for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 - Estimated Revenue: General Fund \$1,000,000.00

BACKGROUND

The Bridge opened on May 20, 2008, providing a centralized entry point for homeless persons to access multiple services at one location through on-site services and co-located agencies. The Bridge serves almost 7,000 adult individuals experiencing homelessness per year, the majority of whom transition out of the agency's collaborative network rapidly. For adults experiencing episodes of homelessness, The Bridge provides triage services, jail diversion/reentry services, medical/behavioral health care services, and day shelter services. For adults experiencing or at-risk of long-term homelessness, The Bridge provides night shelter and recreational/education services and assists clients in obtaining employment/disability income and affordable/supportive housing.

Dallas County has been providing funding for homeless assistance services at The Bridge since it opened. Approval of this item will provide for funding for the operation of The Bridge for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. The funds will be counted towards satisfying Bridge Steps fundraising requirement.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On October 22, 2014, City Council authorized an Interlocal Agreement with Dallas to assist in providing homeless assistance services at The Bridge through the City's contractor, Bridge Steps, for the period October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015, by Resolution No. 14-1792.

On September 22, 2015, City Council authorized an Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County, to assist in providing homeless assistance services at The Bridge through the City's contractor, Bridge Steps, for the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, by Resolution No. 15-1800.

On October 11, 2016, City Council authorized an Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County to assist in providing homeless assistance services at The Bridge through the City's contractor, Bridge Steps, for the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017, by Resolution No. 16-1670.

On December 13, 2017, City Council authorized an Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County to accept funding for homeless assistance services at The Bridge for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018, by Resolution No. 17-1864.

On September 26, 2018, City Council authorized an Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County to accept funding for homeless assistance services at The Bridge for the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, by Resolution No. 18-1411.

On September 25, 2019, City Council authorized an Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County to accept funding for homeless assistance services at The Bridge for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, by Resolution No. 19-1511.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Estimated Revenue: General Fund \$1,000,000.00