



## Legislation Text

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**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Workforce, Education & Equity

**AGENDA DATE:** June 26, 2024

**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):** All

**DEPARTMENT:** Office of Community Care

**EXECUTIVE:** M. Elizabeth Cedillo-Pereira

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### SUBJECT

Authorize **(1)** an extension of the Interlocal Agreement from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) Re-Entry Pilot Program Grant (Contract No. 696-TC-24-24-L046) and acceptance of FY 2025 TDCJ Re-Entry funds in the amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 for re-entry services to individuals being released from TDCJ who are returning to the City of Dallas (Re-entry Services) for the period of September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025; **(2)** the acceptance of additional grant funding from the TDCJ Re-Entry Services for the FY 2024 TDCJ Re-Entry Pilot Program Grant (Contract No. 696-TC-24-24-L046) in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for re-entry services to individuals being released from TDCJ who are returning to the City of Dallas (Re-entry Services) for the period of September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025; **(3)** an increase in appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00 in the FY23-24 TDCJ Re-Entry Pilot Program Grant; **(4)** the receipt and deposit of funds in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00 in the FY 2024 TDCJ Re-Entry Pilot Program Grant; and **(5)** and execution of the Interlocal Agreement with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the contract - Not to exceed \$750,000.00 from \$500,000.00 to \$1,250,000.00 - Financing: FY 2024 TDCJ Re-Entry Pilot Program Grant Fund

### BACKGROUND

The Re-entry Services Program was established by the Texas State Legislature to support projects in Dallas and Houston that strive to support individuals being release from TDCJ facilities and returning to the Dallas or Houston area. This project has been supported through appropriations in the 84th, 86th, 87th, and now the 88th Texas State Legislative Sessions in 2023. Funding was once again appropriated within the budget for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to enter into an agreement with the City of Dallas to establish and operate a program for re-entry services to individuals released from TDCJ facilities who are returning to the Dallas area. The City of Dallas may enter into agreements with non-profit entities, faith-based organizations, community groups, and the private sector for the provision of services.

**PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)**

On April 27, 2016, the City Council authorized the acceptance of a grant from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (Contract No. 696-TC-16-17-L063), to develop and operate a pilot program for re-entry services for the period September 1, 2015, through August 31, 2017; and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 16-0635.

On January 22, 2020, the City Council authorized the acceptance of a grant from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (Contract No. 696-TC-20-21-L098, to develop and operate a pilot program for reentry services for the period September 1, 2019, through August 31, 2021; and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 20-0207.

On December 8, 2021, the City Council authorized the acceptance of a grant from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) (Contract No. 696-TC-22-23-L026) in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 (\$500,000.00 for FY 2021-2022 and \$500,000.00 for FY 2022-2023) for re-entry services to individuals being released from TDCJ who are returning to the City of Dallas area by Resolution No. 21-2024.

On November 8, 2023, the City Council authorized the acceptance of a grant from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) (Contract No. 696-TC-24-24-L046) in the amount of \$500,000.00 for re-entry services to individuals being released from TDCJ who are returning to the City of Dallas area for the period September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024, by Resolution No. 23-1569.

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

Fund	FY 2024	FY 2025	Future Years
FY 2024 TDCJ Re-Entry Pilot Program Grant Fund	\$250,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00