



## Legislation Text

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**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Human and Social Needs  
**AGENDA DATE:** September 11, 2019  
**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):** All  
**DEPARTMENT:** Office of Homeless Solutions  
**EXECUTIVE:** Nadia Chandler-Hardy

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### SUBJECT

Authorize **(1)** an amendment to Resolution No. 18-1382, previously approved on September 26, 2018, to include a twelve-month renewal option to the grant agreement with CitySquare for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (THHSC) Healthy Community Collaborative (HCC) program; **(2)** an amendment to the grant agreement with CitySquare (Contract No. MGT-2018-000007331) to include and to exercise the twelve-month renewal option to be funded by the THHSC for the HCC (Grant No. 2016-049507-001C) in an amount not to exceed \$491,598.00 for CitySquare to **(a)** provide coordination, assessment and supportive services, expanded housing services for temporary shelters through outreach and housing units, residential treatment and detox treatment to homeless individuals; **(b)** provide a private 1:1 cash match in an amount not to exceed \$491,598.00; and **(c)** comply with all conditions of the Texas Department of State Health Services grant to provide services to the homeless through the HCC program for the period September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020; and **(3)** execution of the amended grant agreement - Total not to exceed \$491,598.00 - Financing: Texas Health and Human Services Commission Grant Funds

### BACKGROUND

Senate Bill 58 of the 83rd regular legislative session amended Subtitle I, Title 4, of the Texas Government Code to add Chapter 539 establishing or expanding community collaborative projects to improve the access to care, quality/comprehensiveness of care, and outcomes for persons who are both homeless and have a mental illness. The Texas Department of State Health Services awarded funds to five Texas municipalities in counties with populations of more than one million, including Bexar, Dallas, Harris, Tarrant, and Travis.

Acceptable uses of the grant money require one for one matching funds to include the establishment or expansion of a community collaborative of service providers focused on meeting the needs of the mentally ill homeless population, the establishment, operation and/or maintenance of minimum services (assistance accessing benefits, detoxification units, integrated medical services, housing services and education, job training and/or supported employment).

On June 28, 2018 and July 5, 2018, the Office of Homeless Solutions posted a Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals (RFCSP) through the Office of Procurement Services for organizations to provide services to homeless individuals who have a mental illness, substance abuse use or co-occurring psychiatric disorder for fiscal year 2018-19 through the THHSC HCC Grant for \$1.5 million. Proposals were recommended by the Healthy Community Collaborative Review Committee.

CitySquare, which is located at 511 North Akard Street, Suite #302, Dallas, Texas 75201, submitted an application for assistance in response to the RFCSP and was found to be responsive. CitySquare is a Texas non-profit corporation with whom the City is in partnership to assist in serving homeless persons in the city limits of Dallas. Founded in 1988, CitySquare provides 450 supportive housing units to assist homeless persons to transitions from homelessness.

On September 26, 2018, City Council authorized the grant agreement between the City of Dallas and CitySquare to provide services to homeless individuals who suffer from mental illness, substance abuse disorder or co-occurring psychiatric disorders for the period September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019, by Resolution No. 18-1382.

The 2018 RFCSP included a twelve-month renewal option, but the twelve-month renewal option was not included in Resolution No. 18-1382. This item amends the prior resolution to include the twelve-month renewal option, authorizes the City to exercise twelve-month renewal option to the grant agreement with CitySquare to continue providing services under the HCC Grant, and authorizes the execution of the renewal. These funds will assist them in serving homeless clients with supportive services, expanded housing services for temporary shelters through outreach and housing units, residential treatment and detox treatment for an additional twelve months

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

On September 26, 2018, City Council authorized the grant agreement between the City of Dallas and CitySquare through a grant from the Health and Human Services Commission for the HCC program for FY 2018-19 (Grant No. 2016-049507-001C) to provide services to homeless individuals who suffer from mental illness, substance abuse disorder or co-occurring psychiatric disorders for the period September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019; and provide a private 1:1 cash match from CitySquare; and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 18-1382.

On August 14, 2019, City Council authorize an amendment to Resolution No. 18-1380, previously approved on September 26, 2018, to accept additional grant funds from the THHSC for FY 2020 and FY 2021 (Contract No. 2016-049507-001C, Amendment No. 3), to provide services to homeless persons who have a mental illness, substance abuse use or co-occurring psychiatric disorder through the HCC program in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000.00 for the period September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021; and a private 1:1 cash or in-kind match by the City, through its subcontractors in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000.00, by Resolution No. 19-1118.

City Council was briefed by memorandum regarding this matter on August 23, 2019.

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

Texas Health and Human Services Commission Grant Funds - \$491,598.00  
Private Match (CitySquare) - \$491,598.00

**OWNER**

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