



## Legislation Text

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

**AGENDA DATE:** November 8, 2023

**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):** All

**DEPARTMENT:** Office of Community Care

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

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### **SUBJECT**

Authorize the **(1)** 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 **(2)** establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 in the TDCJ Re-Entry Services Grant Program Fund; **(3)** receipt and deposit of grant funds from TDCJ in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 in the TDCJ Re-Entry Services Grant Program Fund; and **(4)** execution of the Interlocal Agreement with TDCJ and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the agreement - Not to exceed \$500,000.00 - Financing: Texas Department of Criminal Justice Grant Funds

### **BACKGROUND**

The Reentry 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 Session in 2023. Funding was once again appropriated within the budget for the TDCJ to enter into an agreement with the City of Dallas to establish and operate a program for reentry 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.

This funding is utilized by the Office of Community Care to support wraparound social services for eligible clients and by the Small Business Center to support job training and employment placement programming for eligible clients. This contract includes a one-year renewal option for TDCJ that is expected to be received and authorized around June 2024.

**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.

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

Fund	FY 2024	FY 2025	Future Years
Texas Department of Criminal Justice Grant Funds	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00