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Title:	Authorize the (1) application for and acceptance of additional grant funds from the U.S. Department of the Treasury for the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 Coronavirus Response and Relief Funds for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (CFDA No. 21.023) the amount of $116,817.39; (2) establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed $116,817.39 in the Emergency Rental Assistance Program Fund; (3) receipt and deposit of funds in an amount not to exceed $116,817.39 in the Emergency Rental Assistance Program Fund; (4) disbursement of funds in an amount not to exceed $116,817.39 from the Emergency Rental Assistance Program Fund; and (5) execution of any documents necessary to accept and/or spend the funds - Total not to exceed $116,817.39, increasing the appropriations from $41,532,662.69 to $41,649,480.08 - Financing: U.S. Department of the Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program Grant Funds		
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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Workforce, Education, & Equity

AGENDA DATE: November 9, 2022

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All

DEPARTMENT: Office of Community Care

EXECUTIVE: M. Elizabeth Cedillo-Pereira

SUBJECT

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BACKGROUND

The Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic and its resulting economic impacts have put thousands at risk of evictions and homelessness. Since Spring of 2020, the City has seen tremendous demand for rental assistance services, a demand which has continued, if not grown, as the pandemic continues. Though a combination of local and national moratoriums and other protections have helped some clients avoid eviction, these moratoriums have largely expired or are expiring and have had limited enforcement power with the Texas Supreme Court decision not to extend emergency order 34 to enforce the Centers for Disease Control moratorium.

This item authorizes acceptance of additional funding made available by the U.S. Department of the Treasury for the purpose of administering rental and utility assistance programs through 2025 through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On April 22, 2020, City Council authorized the acceptance of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) to aid the COVID-19 response throughout the city, by Resolution No. 20-0644.

On June 17, 2020, City Council was briefed on the CARES funds to facilitate assistance to eligible communities and households economically impacted by COVID-19.

On June 24, 2020, City Council authorized an emergency Short-Term Rental and Utility Assistance Program due to COVID-19 to provide up to two months of rental assistance payments for low- and moderate-income persons at or below 80 percent area median income and execution of all documents and agreements necessary to implement the programs by Resolution No. 20-1033.

On December 27, 2020, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 was signed into law, making funding available through the Treasury for an emergency rental assistance program.

On January 27, 2021, City Council authorized (1) the acceptance of rental assistance program funds; (2) implementation of the Emergency Rental Assistance and Utility Assistance Program; and (3) the execution of five subrecipient agreements with Abounding Prosperity, Incorporated, Dallas Leadership Foundation, First Presbyterian Church of Dallas, Texas dba the Stewpot, International Rescue Committee, Inc., and United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, Inc., to provide up to twelve months rental and utility assistance to low-income households impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, in an amount not to exceed $40,700,000.00 by Resolution No. 21-0240.

On April 27, 2022, City Council authorized (1) the application for and acceptance of additional grant funds from the U.S. Department of the Treasury for the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 Coronavirus Response and Relief Funds for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program; (2) establishment of appropriations in the Emergency Rental Assistance Program Fund; (3) receipt and deposit of funds in the Emergency Rental Assistance Program Fund; (4) disbursement of funds in an amount not to exceed $565,428.09 from the Emergency Rental Assistance Program Fund; and (5) execution of any documents necessary with the Treasury to accept and/or spend the funds by Resolution No. 22-0648.

On August 10, 2022, City Council authorized (1) the application for and acceptance of additional grant funds from the U.S. Department of the Treasury for the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021

Coronavirus Response and Relief Funds for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program; (2) establishment of appropriations in the Emergency Rental Assistance Program Fund; (3) receipt and deposit of funds in the Emergency Rental Assistance Program Fund; (4) disbursement of funds in an amount not to exceed $267,234.60 from the Emergency Rental Assistance Program Fund; and (5) execution of any documents necessary with the Treasury to accept and/or spend the funds by Resolution No. 22-1142.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	Future Years
Emergency Rental Assistance Program Funds	$40,700,000.00	$832,662.69	$116,817.39	$0.00

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