



## 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. 18-1381, previously approved on September 26, 2018, to include a twelve-month renewal option to the grant agreement with Bridge Steps for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (THHSC) for the Healthy Community Collaborative (HCC) program; **(2)** an amendment to the grant agreement with Bridge Steps Contract No. MGT-2018-00007262, to include a twelve-month renewal option; **(3)** to exercise the twelve-month renewal option to be funded by the THHSC for the HCC for FY 2019-20 (Grant No. 2016-049507-001C) in an amount not to exceed \$504,201.00 for Bridge Steps to **(a)** provide emergency shelter and a wide range of supportive services to homeless individuals who suffer from mental illness, substance abuse disorder or co-occurring psychiatric disorders; **(b)** provide a private 1:1 cash match in an amount not to exceed \$504,201.00; and **(c)** comply with all conditions of the Texas Department of State Health Services grant to provide services to the homeless through the HCC for the period September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020; and **(4)** execution of the amended grant agreement and renewal - Total not to exceed \$504,201.00 - Financing: Texas Health and Human Services Commission Grant Funds

### **BACKGROUND**

Senate Bill 58 of the 83<sup>rd</sup> 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).

The Bridge is a private non-profit organization that provides services 24-hours a day, 365 days a year.

Bridge Steps is currently under contract to provide outreach/engagement, supportive services, transitional shelter, housing services and rental assistance, coordinated assessment/client prioritization, mental health services and substance abuse/detoxification to homeless individuals who suffer from mental illness, substance abuse disorder or co-occurring psychiatric disorders.

On June 28, 2018 and July 5, 2018, the Office of Homeless Solutions solicited a Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals (RFCSP) for a twelve-month grant agreement, with one twelve-month renewal option, 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 selected by a Healthy Community Collaborative Review Committee.

On September 26, 2018, City Council authorized the grant agreement between the City of Dallas and Bridge Steps to provide outreach/engagement, supportive services, transitional shelter, housing services and rental assistance, coordinated assessment/client prioritization, mental health services and substance abuse/detoxification 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. 18-1381.

The 2018 RFCSP included a twelve-month renewal option, but authorization for the twelve-month renewal option was not included in Resolution No. 18-1383. This item amends the prior resolution to include the 12-month renewal option and authorizes the City to amend the grant agreement and exercise and execute the twelve-month renewal option to the grant agreement with Bridge Steps to continue providing services under the HCC Grant.

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

On September 28, 2016, City Council authorized a grant agreement with Bridge Steps to provide outreach/engagement, supportive services, transitional shelter, housing services and rental assistance, coordinated assessment/client prioritization, mental health services and substance abuse/detoxification to homeless individuals who suffer from mental illness, substance abuse disorder or co-occurring psychiatric disorders through the Texas Department of State Health Services HCC program for the period August 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017, by Resolution No. 16-1567.

On February 22, 2017, City Council authorized Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to the contract with Bridge Steps to revise the budget amount and increase the contract amount to provide outreach/engagement, supportive services, transitional shelter, housing services and rental assistance, coordinated assessment/client prioritization, mental health services and substance abuse/detoxification to homeless individuals who suffer from mental illness, substance abuse disorder or co-occurring psychiatric disorders through the Texas Department of State Health Services HCC program for FY 2017 allocation for the period August 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017; and execution of any and all documents required by the contract by Resolution No. 17-0382.

On June 28, 2017, City Council authorized an amendment to Resolution No. 16-1387, previously approved on August 24, 2016; application and acceptance of FY 2018 HCC Grant from the Health and Human Services Commission (Contract No. 2016-049507-001A, Amendment No. 1) to provide services to the homeless through the HCC Grant for the period September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018, and to provide private 1:1 cash match; and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 17-1050.

On August 23, 2017, City Council authorized the renewal of the grant agreement between the City of Dallas and Bridge Steps through a grant from the Health and Human Services Commission HCC program for FY 2017-18 (Grant No. 2016-049507-001A) to provide outreach/engagement, supportive services, transitional shelter, housing services and rental assistance, coordinated assessment/client prioritization, mental health services and substance abuse/detoxification to homeless individuals who suffer from mental illness, substance abuse disorder or co-occurring psychiatric disorders for the period September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018; and provide a private 1:1 cash match from Bridge Steps; and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 17-1287.

On September 26, 2018, City Council authorized the grant agreement between the City of Dallas and Bridge Steps through a grant from the Health and Human Services Commission HCC program for FY 2018-19 (Grant No. 2016-049507-001B) for Bridge Steps to provide outreach/engagement, supportive services, transitional shelter, housing services and rental assistance, coordinated assessment/client prioritization, mental health services and substance abuse/detoxification 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 Bridge Steps; and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 18-1381.

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 Texas Health and Human Services Commission 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 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; execution of the grant agreement and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the grant agreement 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 - \$504,201.00

Private Match (Bridge Steps) - \$504,201.00

## **OWNER**

### **Bridge Steps**

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