



## Legislation Text

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**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Human and Social Needs  
**AGENDA DATE:** September 23, 2020  
**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):** All  
**DEPARTMENT:** Office of Homeless Solutions  
**EXECUTIVE:** Nadia Chandler-Hardy

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### **SUBJECT**

Authorize the **(1)** acceptance of a grant from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs ("TDHCA") in the amount of \$1,063,354.00 to provide services to the homeless through the Homeless Housing and Services Program ("HHSP"), for the period September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021; **(2)** establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$1,063,354.00 in the FY 2021 TDHCA-Homeless Housing and Services Program 20-21 Fund; **(3)** receipt and deposit of funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,063,354.00 in the FY 2021 TDHCA-Homeless Housing and Services Program 20-21 Fund; **(4)** Assistant City Manager to enter into, represent the City with respect to, and execute, the contract with TDHCA for FY 2021 TDHCA-Homeless Housing and Services Program grant funds; and **(5)** execution of the grant agreement and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the agreement - Not to exceed \$1,063,354.00 - Financing: Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Grant Funds

### **BACKGROUND**

Beginning in 2009, the State Legislature has appropriated funding to be administered by the TDHCA for the HHSP, to provide funding to the largest cities in Texas (with a population greater than 285,500), in support of services to homeless individuals and families. There are currently nine cities receiving HHSP funding: Arlington, Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston, Plano, and San Antonio.

The purpose of the HHSP Program is to provide housing and services for individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Eligible activities are administrative costs, case management, construction/conversion/rehabilitation, essential services, homelessness prevention, homelessness assistance (like rapid re-housing), operation of emergency shelters, and other local programs approved by TDHCA.

The City of Dallas has received HHSP funding since 2010, and has used the funding primarily to provide operating assistance for The Bridge Homeless Assistance Center as leverage for City of Dallas and Dallas County operational funding.

On August 14, 2020, TDHCA notified the City of Dallas of its FY 2021 HHSP general allocation in the amount of \$1,063,354.00.

Approval of this item will authorize acceptance of the grant from TDHCA in an amount not to exceed \$1,063,354.00 to provide services to the homeless through HHSP. All services related to the grant will be reported in the Homeless Management Information System.

Under a recently adopted HHSP rule, each municipality receiving HHSP funding must provide a resolution that, in addition to accepting the grant, includes specific authorization to enter into a contract with TDHCA for HHSP funds and provides the title of the person authorized to represent the entity and having signature authority to execute a contract.

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

On August 14, 2019, City Council authorized acceptance of a grant from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to provide services to the homeless through the Homeless Housing and Services Program, for the period September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020, by Resolution No. 19-1117.

#### **FISCAL INFORMATION**

Fund	FY 2020	FY 2021	Future Years
Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Grant Funds	\$0.00	\$1,063,354.00	\$0.00