



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Human and Social Needs
AGENDA DATE: August 11, 2020
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All
DEPARTMENT: Office of Homeless Solutions
EXECUTIVE: Kimberly Bizer Tolbert

SUBJECT

Authorize the **(1)** acceptance of a grant from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs ("TDHCA") in the amount of \$261,530.00 to provide services to the youth homeless through the Homeless Housing and Services Program ("HHSP"), for the period September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022; **(2)** establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$261,530.00 in the FY 2022 TDHCA-Homeless Housing and Services Program 21-22 Fund; **(3)** receipt and deposit of funds in an amount not to exceed \$261,530.00 in the FY 2022 TDHCA-Homeless Housing and Services Program 21-22 Fund; **(4)** City Manager to enter into, represent the City with respect to, and execute, the contract with TDHCA for FY 2022 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 \$261,530.00 - 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 homeless services targeting young adults twenty-four years of age and younger. Eligible activities include Street outreach services to (1) assist these youth with assessments and immediate access to shelter services, (2) assist youth to leave the streets through drop-in services to meet their immediate needs, (3) enhance street outreach and engagement along with 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 July 8, 2021, TDHCA notified the City of Dallas of its FY 2022 HHSP youth allocation in the amount of \$261,530.00.

Approval of this item will authorize acceptance of the grant from TDHCA in an amount not to exceed \$261,530.00 to provide homeless services targeting young adults twenty-four years of age and younger for the Office of Homeless Solutions through the 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 September 23, 2020, 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, 2020 through August 31, 2021, by Resolution No. 20-1437.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2021	FY 2022	Future Years
Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Grant Funds	\$261,530.00	\$0.00	\$0.00