



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Workforce, Education & Equity

AGENDA DATE: March 27, 2024

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All

DEPARTMENT: Office of Equity and Inclusion

EXECUTIVE: M. Elizabeth Cedillo-Pereira

SUBJECT

Authorize the **(1)** acceptance of the FY 2023-24 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Fair Housing Assistance Program (Grant No. FF206K236005, Assistance Listing No. 14.401) in the amount of \$89,000.00, to process, investigate and conciliate housing discrimination complaints, administrative costs and HUD required staff training for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024; **(2)** establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$89,000.00 in the HUD FY23 Fair Housing Assistance Program FY24 Fund; **(3)** receipt and deposit of grants funds in an amount not to exceed \$89,000.00 in the HUD FY23 Fair Housing Assistance Program FY24 Fund; and **(4)** execution of the Fair Housing Assistance Program Grant and the Cooperative Agreement and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the grant agreement - Not to exceed \$89,000.00 - Financing: HUD FY23 Fair Housing Assistance Program FY24 Fund

BACKGROUND

On November 7, 1990 and September 25, 1991, Chapter 20A of the Dallas City Code was amended to obtain certification from HUD that the City of Dallas is a fair housing agency operating substantially equivalent to HUD.

On November 15, 1991, HUD notified the Office of Fair Housing and Human Rights that the City of Dallas Fair Housing Ordinance is substantially equivalent to the Federal Act. Certification of substantial equivalency qualifies the City for federal funding for fair housing enforcement, education, and outreach.

On September 1, 1992, a Cooperative Agreement between the City and HUD was executed whereby the City became a Fair Housing agency and began participating in the HUD Fair Housing Assistance Program. This program provides funding for substantially equivalent fair housing agencies. The funding allows HUD to refer housing discrimination complaints of Dallas origin to the City for processing, while HUD monitors the City's performance.

Thus far, the funds have been used to facilitate the investigations of 2,788 housing discrimination complaints, to attend HUD required training seminars, and to enhance Fair Housing education and outreach.

In October 2023, the City was notified that it would receive \$89,000.00 in Cooperative Agreement funds for Fiscal Year 2023-24. These funds are to be used for salaries, for support staff, community outreach, and training and professional development.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On October 14, 2015, the City Council authorized the acceptance of a grant from HUD for the Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP) to process, investigate and conciliate housing discrimination complaints, administrative costs and HUD required staff training for the period October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2016; and the execution of the cooperative grant agreement and any other documents related to the grant by Resolution No. 15-1870.

On August 10, 2016, the City Council authorized the acceptance of a grant from HUD for the FHAP to expand education and outreach for the period May 20, 2016 through September 30, 2017; and the execution of the cooperative grant agreement and any other documents related to the grant by Resolution No. 16-1178.

On October 11, 2016, the City Council authorized acceptance of the FY 2016-17 grant from HUD for the FHAP (Grant No. FF206K166005, CFDA No.14.401) to process, investigate and conciliate housing discrimination complaints, administrative costs and HUD required staff training for the period October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2017; and execution of the cooperative grant agreement and any other documents related to the grant by Resolution No. 16-1653.

On October 25, 2017, the City Council authorized acceptance of the FY 2017-18 grant from HUD for the FHAP (Grant No. FF206K176005, CFDA No.14.401) to process, investigate and conciliate housing discrimination complaints, administrative costs and HUD required staff training for the period October 1, 2017, through September 30, 2018; and execution of the cooperative grant agreement and any other documents related to the grant by Resolution No. 17-1651.

On October 24, 2018, the City Council authorized acceptance of the FY 2018-19 grant from HUD for the FHAP (Grant No. FF206K186005, CFDA No. 14.401) to process, investigate and conciliate housing discrimination complaints, administrative cost and HUD required staff training for the period October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019; and execution of the cooperative agreement by Resolution No. 18-1507.

On September 11, 2019, the City Council authorized acceptance of the FY 2019-20 grant from HUD for the FHAP (Grant No. FF206K196005, CFDA No. 14.401) to process, investigate and conciliate housing discrimination complaints, administrative costs and HUD required staff training for the period of October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2020; and execution of the cooperative agreement by Resolution No. 19-1400.

On September 23, 2020, the City Council authorized acceptance of the FY 2020-21 grant from HUD for the FHAP (No. FF206K206005, CFDA No. 14.401) to process, investigate and conciliate housing discrimination complaints, administrative costs and HUD required staff training for the period of October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021; and execution of the cooperative agreement by Resolution No. 20-1435.

On September 9, 2021, the City Council authorized acceptance of the FY 2021-22 grant from HUD for the FHAP (No. FF206K216005, CFDA No. 14.401) to process, investigate and conciliate housing discrimination complaints, administrative costs and HUD required staff training for the period of October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022; and execution of the cooperative agreement by Resolution No. 21-1462.

On September 28, 2022, the City Council authorized acceptance of the FY 2022-23 grant from HUD for the FHAP (No. FF206K226005, CFDA No. 14.401) to process, investigate and conciliate housing discrimination complaints, administrative costs and HUD required staff training for the period of October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023; and execution of the cooperative agreement by Resolution No. 22-1464.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2024	FY 2025	Future Years
HUD FY23 Fair Housing Assistance Program FY24 Fund	\$89,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00