

February 14, 2024

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, President Joe Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), which included \$1.9 trillion to provide additional federal resources for economic stimulus and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas accepted these funds and allocated a portion of these funds to the Essential Necessities program, to support provision of critical hygiene products to community members in need; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the City of Dallas launched the Period Access Dallas Program, a component of Essential Necessities, in order to address the issue of period poverty and to make period products available, for free, in high needs communities in the city; and

WHEREAS, by early 2023, the City of Dallas expanded on this program with an investment of Racial Equity funding to make these products available in public facilities, such as recreation centers, libraries and community centers, citywide; and

WHEREAS, the City also seeks to provide other hygiene products to communities in need, as part of the ARPA Essential Necessities, including infant/child diapers and adult diapers.

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a **master cooperative** agreement with Staples to provide critical non-food items, such as period products, diapers, adult diapers, and other hygiene items for distribution in high needs communities or to residents in need for the period February 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$700,00.00.

SECTION 2. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.00 to Staples, as follows:

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, Fund FC18, Department MGT, Unit AD25, Object 2280 Encumbrance/ Contract No. OCC-2024-00023843, Vendor VC27391	\$300,000.00
Equity Fund, Fund 0722, Department MGT, Unit 2393, Object 2280 Encumbrance/ Contract No. OCC-2024-00023843, Vendor VC27391	<u>\$400,000.00</u>
Total amount not to exceed	\$700,000.00

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SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.