

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE October 12, 2018

TO The Honorable Members of the Economic Development and Housing Committee:
Tennell Atkins(Chair), Rickey D. Callahan (Vice Chair), Lee M. Kleinman, Scott Griggs,
Casey Thomas, II, B. Adam McGough, Mark Clayton, Kevin Felder, Omar Narvaez

SUBJECT HUD Fair Housing Cooperative Grant

SUMMARY

Staff from the Office of Equity and Human Rights (OEHR) requests City Council authorization to accept the HUD Fair Housing Cooperative Grant in the amount of \$279,900. This item is scheduled for City Council consideration and possible action on October 24, 2018.

BACKGROUND

As a HUD certified Fair Housing Agency, the Office of Equity and Human Rights is eligible to receive federal grants for Fair Housing Enforcement. Since 1992, the City of Dallas has received an annual Cooperative Grant award from HUD. The grant amount for FY 18-19 is \$279,900 and will be used to pay salaries for 4 positions and will also provide funding for outreach and training.

The grant provides funding for three administrative and customer support positions: (1) Coordinator and (2) Sr. Office Assistants, as well as (1) Fair Housing Investigator. The administrative and support staff are on the front line in receiving walk in and phone complaints and inquiries from the public. They also provide support for public outreach and process and maintain all required HUD records. The Fair Housing Investigator position is responsible for investigating complaints of discrimination throughout the city. The grant also provides funding for outreach materials, advertising, fair housing education for the public and staff training.

ISSUE

HUD has offered the City of Dallas a Cooperative Grant in the amount of \$279,900.

ALTERNATIVES

If the grant is not accepted, it will negatively impact the City's ability to effectively enforce Fair Housing laws within the City of Dallas. The negative impact would come from a reduction in staff and funding necessary to conduct outreach and the training of staff.

FISCAL IMPACT

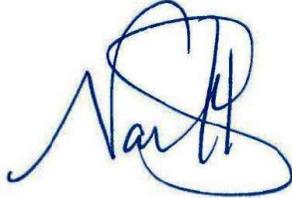
The grant provides \$279,900 and funds 4 positions. Coordination of grant acceptance will be provided by the Office of Financial Services.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends City Council approval and acceptance of the grant in the amount of \$279,900.

Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information.



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c: The Honorable Mayor and the Members of City Council
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