

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE November 22, 2017

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **FY2017-2018 Emergency Solutions Grant Request for Competitively Sealed Proposals**

This memo is to provide an update on the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Request for Competitively Sealed Proposal (RFCSP) that became available on September 14, 2017 and closed on October 5, 2017.

On December 13, 2017, the Office of Procurement will seek authorization from the City Council to reject the proposals received for the FY2017-2018 ESG Program and re-advertise for new proposals. This recommendation is being made because the evaluation criteria used included elements that presented an unfair advantage for organizations previously funded because of their history with the City. This action will allow the Office of Homeless Solutions and the Office of Procurement to modify the specifications to emphasize collaboration and equity while also ensuring that the evaluation criteria does not prohibit new partners from qualifying.

The revised specifications will be advertised by January 11, 2017 to solicit proposals from all 501c3 nonprofit organizations that serve persons experiencing homelessness. A final timeline will be provided so that you may share with your respective constituents and stakeholders.

The Government Performance & Financial Management Committee will receive this item for consideration on December 4, 2017

Should you have any further questions, please let me know.



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SUBJECT **Supplemental Information on Fluoride in Drinking Water**

This memo is in response to the fluoride study referenced by the Dogs Against Fluoride speakers at the November 14, 2017, City Council meeting, titled "*Prenatal Fluoride Exposure and Cognitive Outcomes in Children at 4 and 6–12 Years of Age in Mexico.*"

The study, published in the September 2017 issue of *Environmental Health Perspectives*, concludes higher levels of maternal urinary fluoride during pregnancy were associated with lower scores on tests of cognitive function in children at age 4 and ages 6-12. However, the authors also shared that caution should be taken when evaluating the significance of this study – the sample size was small and needs to be reproduced by other researchers on different, larger populations to draw actionable conclusions.

The study followed mothers who ingested fluoride from natural sources or through fluoridated salt and supplements. In Mexico, fluoridated salt is the main way women incorporate salt into their diet, unlike in the U.S., where fluoridated water is the main avenue. The researchers found that, on average, the mothers had 0.9 parts per million (ppm) of fluoride in their urine, and some evidence indicated associations with IQ may have been limited to exposures above 0.8 ppm.

The American Dental Association (ADA) examined the study and concluded the findings are "not applicable" to the United States. The ADA continues to endorse fluoridation of public water as the most effective public health measure to prevent tooth decay.

Scientists do agree that extreme levels of fluoride exposure, i.e. 30 ppm or higher, can pose neurodevelopmental risks. In 2011, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established 0.7 ppm as the effective level for tooth decay prevention after a thorough review by a panel of scientists.

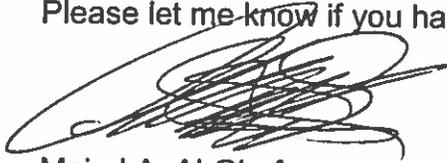
Fluoride appears naturally in Dallas raw water at a level of about 0.35 ppm. Dallas adds fluoride at all three water treatment plants to achieve a finished water concentration of 0.7 ppm. At Dallas' three water treatment plants, raw and tap water fluoride concentrations are measured more than 4,000 times per year (twice daily for each).

The addition of fluoride to Dallas drinking water was authorized by City Council Resolution #65-4383 on August 9, 1965. Dallas began adding fluoride to its drinking water in 1966 after approval by Dallas voters and a lengthy analysis of its benefits in preventing tooth

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decay. The product Dallas uses is certified for use in drinking water by the American Water Works Association, the American National Standards Institute and the National Sanitation Foundation (AWWA, ANSI and NSF).

Please let me know if you have any questions.



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SUBJECT **FY2017-2018 Agreement with Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance, the Lead Agency for the local Continuum of Care**

This memo is to provide an update on the Contract with the Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance, the nonprofit that serves as the lead agency for the Continuum of Care and the administrator of the Homeless Management Information System

On January 24, 2018, the full council will be requested to:

Authorize a contract with Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance (MDHA) to coordinate regional efforts to end homelessness and make improvements in planning, coordination, customization, and implementation of the HMIS system meeting to meet federal requirements. Terms currently being negotiated include coordinated efforts to provide customization for homeless shelter needs and system capabilities, with increased reporting on MDHA performance and initiatives, and increased collaboration with other shelters and facilities, for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

On December 15, 2017, the Office of Homeless Solutions will brief the Citizen Homeless Commission on this item. The Human and Social Needs Committee will be briefed by memorandum on January 16, 2018.

Should you have any further questions, please let me know.

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TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **FY2017-2018 Amended and Restated Bridge Steps Management Services Contract, Phase II**

This memo is to provide an update on the Management Services Contract with Bridge Steps as the operator of the City's Homeless Assistance Center ("The Bridge").

On December 13, 2017, the full council will be requested to:

- 1) authorize an amended and restated Management Services Contract, Phase II (MSC) with Bridge Steps consistent with the original intent as a low-barrier, housing-focused, shelter with proven results in housing placement, reduction in average length of stay and reduction in returns to homelessness, and to ensure Bridge Steps complies with all conditions for additional funding;
- 2) funding for the period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 from General Funds in an amount not to exceed \$4,800,000, which includes \$1,000,000 from Dallas County;
- 3) funding for the period of September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018, from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) under the Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) in the amount of \$811,130; and
- 4) execution of the MSC.

The Office of Homeless Solutions briefed the Citizen Homeless Commission on this item on November 17, 2017. The Human and Social Needs Committee will be briefed by memorandum on December 4, 2017.

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