

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE March 21, 2025

Honorable Members of the Government Performance and Financial Management
TO Committee: Chad West (Chair), Paula Blackmon (Vice Chair), Cara Mendelsohn,
Jesse Moreno, Jaime Resendez

SUBJECT **Upcoming Agenda Item #25-1010A: Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for
Priority Based Budgeting Software**

On March 26, 2025, City council will consider an item to authorize a one-year cooperative purchasing agreement for Priority Based Budgeting software as a service for the Office of Budget & Management Services with Tyler Technologies, Inc. through the Sourcewell Cooperative purchasing agreement in the amount of \$180,000.

This contract provides for the purchase of Priority Based Budgeting software used to facilitate program cost allocation services by Tyler Technologies, Inc., who is the exclusive provider of this technology for Priority Based Budgeting. This cooperative purchasing agreement allows the City of Dallas to launch Priority Based Budgeting for the development of the FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27 biennial budget.

Priority Based Budgeting helps local governments manage budget constraints by aligning resources based on programs and priorities instead of traditional budgeting by department. This approach to budgeting allows leaders to make strategic decisions, reallocate funds, and support essential programs even in challenging fiscal environments.

The first step of Priority Based Budgeting is Program Inventory. Select city departments have completed this first step and aligned related activities into a complete Program Inventory. The second step is Program Costing. Program Costing is where staff will allocate expenses and revenues to programs and identify the true cost of programs. Tyler Technologies, Inc. software provides AI modeling to assist departments with program cost allocation. An accurately scoped and costed program will be used to help residents, City Council, and executive leadership understand the full breadth of activities provided and their costs providing immediate opportunities for efficiencies.

The cooperative purchasing agreement will include software as a service. Funding will be reallocated from the IT Broadband & Infrastructure project (unit AR46) in the ARPA Redevelopment Fund (fund 0A72) to support this project. The reallocation of funding will be included in the FY 2024-25 Budget Ordinance Amendment to be approved by City Council on March 26, 2025.

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If you have any questions, please contact me or Janette Weedon, Director of Budget & Management Services.



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