

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE January 8, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Upcoming Agenda Item 26 – January 13, 2021 – Authorization of Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Grant Program Contracts for OHS**

In order to meet grant specific requirements, the Office of Homeless Solutions is bringing forward Agenda Item 26 for your review. The item will be considered on the January 13, 2021 City Council Agenda and, if approved, will not result in additional costs to the City. This action will ensure the much-needed renovation of housing operated by AIDS Services of Dallas and Supportive Housing Inc. Approval will authorize an extension in the time needed to spend Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Grant Program funds for structural and cosmetic repairs at four properties owned and operated by the grantee.

HOPWA funds assist grantees in meeting the housing needs of low-income persons with HIV/AIDS and HIV-related illness. On October 23, 2019, City Council authorized a loan agreement of \$300,000.00, to renovate four AIDS Services of Dallas/Supportive Housing Inc. properties (Ewing Center, Hillcrest House, Revlon Apartments, and Spencer Gardens). The planned renovation will include installation of water filtration systems at all four facilities; exterior paint, boiler replacement, and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning chiller repairs at Hillcrest House; and exterior paint, roof replacement, and exterior stairs and balcony repairs at Revlon Apartments.

The grantee began requesting bids for design and renovation work shortly after the loan agreement was executed on January 14, 2020. Less than two months later, the COVID-19 pandemic emergency reached our community and all work on this project was forced to immediately stop. While stay-at-home orders have relaxed, AIDS Services of Dallas has been slower to fully resume normal operations because of the enhanced risk COVID-19 poses for their residents. The group is once again requesting competitive bids and commitments from contractors but, due to the work stoppage, they lost valuable time and will not be able to meet the original deadline required in the loan agreement. They are requesting an extension of the original terms of the agreement in order to perform these necessary repairs.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Kevin Oden, Interim Director of the Office of Homeless Solutions

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