

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE May 13, 2022

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Funding**

The Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2022, approved by Congress on September 30, 2021, included \$5 billion in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding. This program funds necessary activities related to disaster recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization, and mitigation in the “most impacted and distressed (MID)” areas of qualifying disasters in 2020 and 2021.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) notifies eligible states, cities, and counties if they are eligible to receive a direct allocation of funds. HUD publishes eligible uses and program requirements for each tranche of funds in the Federal Register. HUD announced that approximately \$24.4 million has been allocated to the City of Dallas under the second tranche of funds released from the Disaster Relief and Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2022. This allocation is due to the winter weather and ice storm that occurred in February 2021.

In general, CDBG eligible activities that address a disaster-related impact (directly or indirectly) in MID areas are eligible for CDBG-DR funding. However, staff anticipates that HUD will publish the program guidelines in the Federal Register in the next few weeks. Once the full rules and requirements of the program are available, the City will complete the necessary steps to apply for and receive the funds from HUD.

We will continue to keep the City Council updated on the process to receive and use the CDBG-DR funds. If you have any questions, please contact Jack Ireland, Director of Budget and Management Services.

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M. Elizabeth Reich
Chief Financial Officer

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