

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 20, 2019

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Upcoming Office of Homeless Solutions City Council Agenda Item #64 –
September 25, 2019**

The following Office of Homeless Solutions item will be considered by City Council on the September 25, 2019 Agenda:

Agenda Item Number 64: Authorize the first amendment to the services contract with CitySquare, previously approved by Resolution No. 19-1013 on June 26, 2019, to increase funding and to increase the amount of people served under The Dallas Connector Project, which will provide regularly-scheduled transportation services for persons experiencing homelessness to access services necessary to secure healthcare, housing and employment - Not to exceed \$46,875.00, from \$187,500.00 to \$234,375.00 - Financing: General Fund

Background:

On June 26, 2019, City Council authorized a fifteen-month contract, with one twelve-month renewal option, with CitySquare to provide services under a System Enhancement Program including but not limited to case management, transportation, behavioral health services, workforce solutions, diversion, or re-entry services to homeless and at-risk individuals and families for the period July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, by Resolution 19-1013 in the amount of \$187,500.

CitySquare's Dallas Connector Project was recommended for funding through System Enhancement Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals (RFCSP). On January 31, 2019, the Office of Procurement Services advertised RFCSP #BKZ1909. The RFCSP closed on March 14, 2019, with 8 proposal submissions, including the Dallas Connector Project.

Under this contract, CitySquare will administer the Dallas Connector Project, which is a collaborative project between Austin Street Center, Stewpot/FBC, Salvation Army, and City Square. The project provides regularly scheduled transportation services for persons experiencing homeless to secure necessary services such as healthcare, housing, and employment. At least one vehicle will be available for on-demand transportation services.

The additional \$46,875.00 is available due to budget set-aside for support services for capital bond projects. Dallas Homeless Investment Program RFP BC19-00010982 was released through Office of Procurement Services on July 15, 2019. The Office of Homeless Solutions received the evaluations of submitted proposals on August 1, 2019; however, they did not meet the requirements of shovel ready projects as defined by the RFP specification. Staff requests a repurpose of these general funds to support the Dallas Connector project to allow for CitySquare to assist additional persons experiencing homelessness obtain necessary resources to secure healthcare, housing and employment. CitySquare's original request for funding was \$250,000. The increase in funds will enable CitySquare to operate two passenger vehicles per the original proposal submitted in March 2019.

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Fiscal Impact:

General Fund - \$46,875.00

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact myself or Monica Hardman, Director, Office of Homeless Solutions.



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