

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 9, 2019

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Upcoming Office of Homeless Solutions City Council Agenda Item for Acceptance of THHSC HCC Grant Funds**

The following Office of Homeless Solutions item will be considered by City Council on the August 14, 2019 Agenda:

Authorize (1) an amendment to Resolution No. 18-1380, previously approved on September 26, 2018, to accept additional grant funds from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission ("THHSC") for FY 2020 and FY 2021 (Contract No. 2016-049507-001C, Amendment No. 3), to provide services to homeless persons who have a mental illness, substance abuse use or co-occurring psychiatric disorder through the Healthy Community Collaborative Program in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000.00 for the period September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021; (2) a private 1:1 cash or in-kind match by the City, through its subcontractors in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000.00; (3) the establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000.00 in the HHSC-FY 2020 - FY 2021 Healthy Community Collaborative Grant 19-21 Fund; (4) the receipt and deposit of grant funds for reimbursement in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000.00 by THHSC in the HHSC-FY 2020 - FY 2021 Healthy Community Collaborative Grant 19-21 Fund; and (5) execution of the grant agreement and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the grant agreement - Total not to exceed \$3,500,000.00 - Financing: Texas Health and Human Services - Health and Human Services Commission Grant Funds

Approval of this item will authorize acceptance of additional grant funds from THHSC under the Healthy Community Collaborative ("HCC") Program in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000.00 to provide services to homeless persons who have a mental illness, substance abuse use or co-occurring psychiatric disorder for the period September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021.

Background:

In 2013, Senate Bill 58 of the 83rd regular legislative session amended Subtitle I, Title 4, of the Texas Government Code to add Chapter 539 establishing or expanding community collaboratives that bring the public and private sectors together to provide services to persons experiencing homelessness, substance abuse issues, or mental illness. Healthy Community Collaborative ("HCC") grant funds were awarded to five Texas municipalities in counties with populations of more than one million, including Bexar, Dallas, Harris, Tarrant, and Travis. The City of Dallas was awarded HCC Grant Funds beginning May 1, 2014.

Acceptable uses for HCC Grant Funds and the required private match include: (1) the development of the infrastructure of the collaborative and the start-up costs of the collaborative; (2) the establishment, operation, or maintenance of other community service providers in the community served by the collaborative, including intake centers, detoxification units, sheltering centers for food, workforce training centers, microbusinesses, and educational centers; (3) the

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provision of clothing, hygiene products, and medical services to and the arrangement of transitional and permanent residential housing for persons served by the collaborative; (4) the provision of mental health services and substance abuse treatment not readily available in the community served by the collaborative; (5) the provision of information, tools, and resource referrals to assist persons served by the collaborative in addressing the needs of their children; and (6) the establishment and operation of coordinated intake processes, including triage procedures, to protect the public safety in the community served by the collaborative.

The City of Dallas must match HCC Grant Funds dollar-for-dollar from private sources. House Bill 4468 of the 86th regular legislative session in 2019 amended Section 539.002 of the Texas Government Code to allow private match resources to include in-kind contributions. The City of Dallas satisfies this match requirement through its subcontractors.

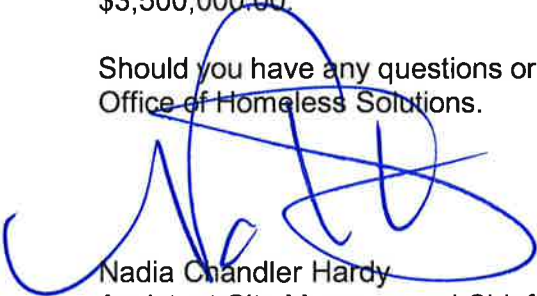
On June 14, 2019, the City of Dallas received notification of the allocation of HCC Grant Funds for the period September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021, in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 in state fiscal year 2019/2020 funds and \$1,500,000.00 in state fiscal year 2021 funds, for a total allocation of \$3,500,000.00.

Through a competitive procurement process, three subcontractors were selected for twelve-month contracts for the 2018-19 year, with one twelve-month renewal option for the 2019-20 year. The subcontractors are Bridge Steps, CitySquare, and Shelter Ministries of Dallas dba Austin Street Center. Renewal contracts for the 2019-20 year are subject to Council approval at a later date. A future RFCSP is expected to be advertised for additional funds awarded under this grant.

Fiscal Impact:

This item will result in the appropriation of additional THHSC HCC grant funds in the amount of \$3,500,000.00.

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



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