

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE November 17, 2023
Honorable Members of Government Performance & Financial Management
TO Committee: Chad West (Chair) Paula Blackmon (Vice Chair) Cara Mendelson, Jesse Mereno, and Jaime Resendez
SUBJECT **Dallas 365 BAR for Small Business Center**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide clarification regarding the Dallas 365 BAR for workforce development participation. One of the metrics included for this area is **“percentage of increase of workforce development grant participants in underserved populations.”** Data provided indicates 50.2% of the projected 60% was achieved.

BACKGROUND

On November 10, 2021, the City Council authorized the execution of a two-year subrecipient agreement for certified IT skills training, workforce training, and education services for employment opportunities in regional high demand industries to re-skill or up-skill Dallas residents. On January 14, 2022, Contract ECO-2021-00016286 was executed between the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, Inc. (“UWMD”) and the City of Dallas Small Business Center (“SBC”) to serve as the Administrator.

In March 2023, the SBC reviewed UWMD’s \$2,249,830.45 workforce training grant contract as well as UWMD’s to date and projected compliance with contractual spend and performance achievements. Due to some unexpected challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the UWMD was underperforming in its required performance measures and was projected to underperform/underspend by November 15, 2023, which was the end of the contract term.

In a proactive effort to mitigate the potentially negative results of underutilizing vital post-COVID-19 workforce training needs, the SBC and UWMD engaged in an extensive and mutual interactive, remedial process to determine the best course of action.

On August 9, 2023, the Council approved a supplemental agreement with UWMD, which included the following reductions:

1. Reduction of the overall grant amount from \$2,249,830.45 to \$1,577,271.65. Total Reduction: \$672,558.80; and
2. Reduction of UWMD’s and its subrecipients’ participants served performance metrics. Total Reduction: 65% of total number of participants projected to be served under the grant

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While these changes to the initial contract are prudent to allow UWMD to be successful in its important work under this grant as well as permit the City to reallocate underutilized funds to other pertinent Cares Act eligible projects, the changes have impacted the Dallas 365 BAR “percentage of increase of workforce development grant participants in underserved populations” resulting in missing the target by 9.8%.

Should you have any questions or need additional information please feel free to contact me or Joyce Williams, Director, Small Business Center at joyce.williams@dallas.gov.

Putting Service First,



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TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **FEMA Public Notice of Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations**

The City of Dallas has been a partner with FEMA as part of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) starting in 1983 and the Community Rating System (CRS) starting in 1991. Through these programs, the city and FEMA partner on the “Floodplain Map Updates.”

FEMA provided the City of Dallas with preliminary copies of the revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report on October 18, 2022. The preliminary FIRM and FIS reflect proposed flood hazard determinations within the City of Dallas. Since this time, residents have been provided with notice of the updates through mailers, bill inserts and community engagement events.

The following detailed stream studies updates are being incorporated into the proposed flood hazard determinations.

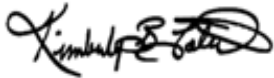
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- Arapaho Branch
- Buffalo Creek
- King of Glory Branch
- Hall Branch
- Honey Springs Branch
- Keller Springs Branch
- Kiowa Branch
- McKamy Branch
- Osage Branch
- Stream 5B13
- Stream 5B14
- Reinhardt Branch
- Stream 5B15
- Stream 5B16
- Stream 5B17
- Ash Creek
- South Fork of Ash Creek
- Stream 5B7
- Forney Branch
- Peaks Branch
- Stream 5B1
- Stream 5B2
- Stream 5B3
- Stream 5B5
- Stream 5B6
- Alta Mesa Branch
- Highland Hills Branch
- Newton Creek
- Floyd Branch
- Memory Branch
- Mooreland Branch
- Santa Rosa Branch
- Sheppard Branch
- White’s Branch
- Stream 4B5
- Crow Creek
- Ledbetter Creek
- Kenwood Branch
- Ricketts Branch
- Barney Branch
- Herring Branch
- Jan Creek
- Parrish Branch
- Runyon Springs Branch
- Woody Branch
- Boulder Branch
- Brooklan Branch
- Cliffwood Branch
- Corral Branch
- Peacock Branch
- Pheasant Branch
- Ranchita Branch
- Red Bird Branch
- Adams Branch
- Alice Branch
- Red Bud Branch
- Crystal Branch
- Cockrell Hill Branch
- Hardin Branch
- Stream 5A3
- Waterfalls Branch
- Stream 8C1
- Artisan Creek
- O’Guinn Creek
- Mountain Creek
- East Levee Sumps
- West Levee Sumps

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Staff is continuing to perform quality control of these maps in advance of the summer of 2024 appeal period. However, it is in the best interest of property owners to view these maps as well. Residents and property owners who believe their property rights will be adversely affected by the proposed flood hazard determinations can submit an appeal. Residents with questions regarding the revised FIRM and FIS report may contact the Dallas Water Utilities Floodplain Management Division to view, discuss or submit an appeal at FloodplainManagement@dallas.gov. Digital copies of the revised FIRM and FIS report materials are available at <https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/prelimdownload/>.

As a reminder, through the CRS, FEMA awarded the City of Dallas a Class 3 rating for the higher floodplain management regulations. As a result, all flood insurance policies within the City of Dallas receive a 35% discount.

Should you have any questions, please contact Sarah Standifer, Director (I) of Dallas Water Utilities, at Sarah.Standifer@dallas.gov.



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SUBJECT **Office of Homeless Solutions Friends Group**

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) is pleased to announce a new initiative to develop a volunteer corps to serve Dallas' unsheltered neighbors. This new program, known as The OHS Friends Group, will be managed by the OHS Volunteer Services Division.

The OHS Friends Group members will be engaged in various special projects including supporting the City's temporary inclement weather shelters, volunteering at The Bridge Homeless Recovery Center, and assisting, as needed, other local non-profits in the Continuum of Care. In addition, the OHS Volunteer Services Division will work with organizations and individuals of all ages to identify projects, including some that can be done remotely. Service projects will be highlighted via communications to all members including those who are unable to volunteer, but are interested in learning more about the group's activities.

You are invited to join us for the official launch of the OHS Friends Group on Monday, December 11, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Smoky Rose, 8602 Garland Rd., hosted by Councilmember Paula Blackmon. During the event, we will also use this as an opportunity to collect used or gently used coats that will be distributed through OHS' street outreach team during inclement weather.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please reach out to me or Christine Crossley, Office of Homeless Solutions Director, at Christine.Crossley@dallas.gov.

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SUBJECT **Scheduled City Network Maintenance Outage - 11/28/2023**

On Tuesday, November 28, 2023, the Information & Technology Services (ITS) department will perform a planned upgrade to a portion of the City's network. The Enterprise Network team will upgrade network hardware switches for the Security Network switches to upgrade outdated and End of Life hardware that impacts all City security services as well as internet traffic.

In addition, the team will update configurations related to device failover to mitigate the risk of unplanned outages related to aging infrastructure. Due to the nature of the upgrade process, it is not possible to perform a non-disruptive upgrade to the devices, necessitating a short outage. During the upgrade, all City services including GIS, 311 services, Building Services, telephone communication, external & internal internet traffic, and all websites including DallasCityHall.com and DallasPolice.net, will be unavailable from approximately 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. to complete the work.

Alerts will be placed on the OurDallas mobile app, the City's website and social media platforms notifying 311 users of the scheduled outage. This maintenance has been coordinated with impacted departments.

During this outage, the 911 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) will **NOT** be impacted. Emergency calls into 911 will still be answered and services dispatched, and the Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system **WILL** continue to be available.

Internal communications will be sent a week prior, the day before, as well as the day of to all city departments.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or Bill Zielinski, Chief Information Officer at william.zielinski@dallas.gov.


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