

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE June 21, 2024

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Upcoming Office of Community Care Agenda Item for acceptance of TDCJ Reentry Funds**

On June 26, 2024, Dallas City Council will consider the following Office of Community Care item as an Addition to the planned council agenda.

**Item 24-1966:** Authorize (1) an extension of the Interlocal Agreement from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) Reentry Pilot Program Grant (Contract No. 696-TC-24-24-L046) and acceptance of FY 2025 TDCJ Reentry funds in the amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 for reentry services to individuals being released from TDCJ who are returning to the City of Dallas (Reentry Services) for the period of September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025; (2) the acceptance of additional grant funding from the TDCJ Reentry Services for the FY 2024 TDCJ Reentry Pilot Program Grant (Contract No. 696-TC-24-24-L046) in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for reentry services to individuals being released from TDCJ who are returning to the City of Dallas (Reentry Services) for the period of September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025; (3) an increase in appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00 in the FY23-24 TDCJ Reentry Pilot Program Grant; (4) the receipt and deposit of funds in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00 in the FY 2024 TDCJ Reentry Pilot Program Grant; and (5) and execution of the Interlocal Agreement with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the contract - Not to exceed \$750,000.00 from \$500,000.00 to \$1,250,000.00 - Financing: FY 2024 TDCJ Reentry Pilot Program Grant Fund **(2)** acceptance of additional grant funding from Texas Department of Criminal Justice Reentry Services for the FY 2024 TDCJ Reentry Pilot Program Grant (Contract No. 696-TC-24-24-L046) in the amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for reentry services to individuals being released from TDCJ who are returning to the City of Dallas (Reentry Services) for the period of September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025; **(3)** increase appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00 in the FY23-24 TDCJ Reentry Pilot Program Grant; **(4)** receipt and deposit of funds in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00 in the FY 2024 TDCJ Reentry Pilot Program Grant; and **(5)** and execution of the interlocal Agreement with Texas Department of Criminal Justice and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the contract - Not to exceed \$750,000.00 from \$500,000.00 to \$1,250,000.00, Financing: FY 2024 TDCJ Reentry Pilot Program Grant Fund

## **Background**

This item represents the acceptance of additional funding for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice contract to support reentry services. The current contract is a two-year agreement, with the first year's funding having been accepted at the time of contract authorization. This item will authorize two amendments to this contract. Amendment

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M001 provides for funding for FY25 in the amount of \$500,000.00, and Amendment M002 accepts additional funding to the \$1,000,000.00 for the two-year contract period, in the amount of \$250,000.00.

The Reentry Services Program was established by the Texas State Legislature to support projects in Dallas and Houston that strive to support individuals being released from TDCJ facilities and returning to the Dallas or Houston area. This project has been supported through appropriations in the 84th, 86th, 87th, and now the 88th Texas State Legislative Session in 2023. Funding was once again appropriated within the budget for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to enter into an agreement with the City of Dallas to establish and operate a program for reentry services to individuals released from TDCJ facilities who are returning to the Dallas area. The City of Dallas may enter into agreements with non-profit entities, faith-based organizations, community groups and the private sector for the provision of services.

### **Reentry Services**

This contract provides for both the second allocation of funds tied to our current agreement, as well as additional funds beyond that initial allocation. The Office of Community Care has worked closely with Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to seek insight and guidance related to our delivery of reentry services, leading to an increased allocation of funds. Over the last year, staff from the Office of Community Care, Office of Integrated Public Safety Solutions, Dallas Police Department, Human Resources, Small Business Center and City Manager's Office have worked to develop an updated strategy for the provision of reentry services, in part due to the funder's insight.

In accepting these new funds, oversight of Reentry Services Programming and Strategy will be transitioned fully to the Office of Community Care as the hub for reentry services. These TDCJ funds will support Coordination of Reentry services, Community Integration and Wraparound Social Services, Housing Stability, and Outreach and Engagement.

### **Prior Action/Review (Council, Boards, Commission)**

On April 27, 2016, the City Council authorized the acceptance of a grant from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (Contract No. 696-TC-16-17-L063), to develop and operate a pilot program for reentry services for the period September 1, 2015, through August 31, 2017; and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 16-0635.

On January 22, 2020, the City Council authorized the acceptance of a grant from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (Contract No. 696-TC-20-21-L098, to develop and operate a pilot program for reentry services for the period September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021; and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 20-0207.

On December 8, 2021, the City Council authorized the acceptance of a grant from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) (Contract No. 696-TC-22-23-L026) in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 (\$500,000.00 for FY 2021-2022 and \$500,000.00 for FY 2022-

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2023) for reentry services to individuals being released from TDCJ who are returning to the City of Dallas area by Resolution No. 21-2024.

On November 8, 2023, the City Council authorized the acceptance of a grant from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) (Contract No. 696-TC-24-24-L046) in the amount of \$500,000.00 for reentry services to individuals being released from TDCJ who are returning to the City of Dallas area for the period September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024, by Resolution No. 23-1569.

On June 10, 2024, the Workforce, Education and Equity Committee was briefed via memorandum on a prior version of this item which reflected the amendment and additional \$500,000.00. The City has since received the second amendment, inclusive of additional funding, and has thus updated the agenda item to authorize both amendments and accept all additional funding.

If you have any questions, please contact Office of Community Care Director, Jessica Galleshaw.



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