## Memorandum



DATE August 9, 2019

<sup>TO</sup> Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

# SUBJECT Upcoming Office of Homeless Solutions City Council Agenda Item for Acceptance of TDHCA Grant Funds

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

Authorize (1) the acceptance of a grant from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs ("TDHCA") in an amount not to exceed \$1,101,611.00 to provide services to the homeless through the Homeless Housing and Services Program ("HHSP"), for the period September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020; (2) the establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$1,101,611.00 in the FY 2020 TDHCA-Homeless Housing and Services Program 19-20 Fund; (3) the receipt and deposit of funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,101,611.00 in the FY 2020 TDHCA-Homeless Housing and Services Program 19-20 Fund; (4) the City Manager to enter into, represent the City with respect to, and execute, the contract with TDHCA for FY 2020 TDHCA-Homeless Housing and Services Program Grant Funds; and (5) the Assistant City Manager to enter into, represent the City with respect to, and execute the contract on the City Manager's behalf-Not to exceed \$1,101,611.00 - Financing: Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Grant Funds

Approval of this item will authorize acceptance of the grant from TDHCA in an amount not to exceed \$1,101,611.00 to provide services to the homeless through HHSP for the period September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020.

### Background:

Beginning in 2009, the State Legislature has appropriated funding to be administered by the ("TDHCA") for the ("HHSP"), to provide funding to the largest cities in Texas (with a population greater than 285,500), in support of services to homeless individuals and families. There are currently nine cities receiving HHSP funding: Arlington, Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston, Plano, and San Antonio.

The purpose of the HHSP Program is to provide housing and services for individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Eligible activities are administrative costs, case management, construction/conversion/rehabilitation, essential services, homelessness prevention, homelessness assistance (like rapid re-housing), operation of emergency shelters, and other local programs approved by TDHCA.

The City of Dallas has received HHSP funding since 2010 and has used these funds primarily to provide operating assistance for The Bridge Homeless Assistance Center as leverage for City of Dallas and Dallas County operational funding.

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On June 10, 2019, TDHCA notified the City of Dallas of its preliminary FY 2020 HHSP general allocation in the amount of \$843,421.00, as well as an additional allocation of \$258,190.00 set aside to address youth homelessness, for a total allocation of \$1,101,611.00. The TDHCA Governing Board approved the FY 2020 HHSP awards on July 25, 2019. A future RFP is expected to be advertised for the youth homelessness set-aside allocation.

#### **Fiscal Impact:**

This item will result in the appropriation of TDHCA grant funds in the amount of \$1,101,611.00.

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

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