

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 6, 2019

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Upcoming Office of Homeless Solutions City Council Agenda Item for Bridge Steps**

The following Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) item will be considered by City Council on the September 11, 2019 Agenda:

Authorize **(1)** an amendment to City Council Resolution No. 18-1381, to include one 12 month renewal option to the grant agreement with Bridge Steps for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (THHSC) for the Healthy Community Collaborative Program (HCCP); **(2)** an amendment to the grant agreement with Bridge Steps Contract MGT-2018-00007262, to include a 12-month renewal option; **(3)** to exercise the 12-month renewal option to be funded by the THHSC for the HCCP for FY 2019-20 (Grant No. 2016-049507-001C) in an amount not to exceed \$504,201.00 for Bridge Steps to **(a)** provide emergency shelter and a wide range of supportive services to homeless individuals who suffer from mental illness, substance abuse disorder or co-occurring psychiatric disorders; **(b)** provide a private 1:1 cash match in an amount not to exceed \$504,201.00; and **(c)** comply with all conditions of the Texas Department of State Health Services grant to provide services to the homeless through the HCCP for the period September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020; and **(4)** execution of the amended grant agreement and renewal total not to exceed \$504,201.00 - Financing: Texas Health and Human Services Commission Grant Funds.

Background:

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 collaborative projects to improve the access to care, quality/comprehensiveness of care, and outcomes for persons who are both homeless and have a mental illness. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) awarded funds to five Texas municipalities in counties with populations of more than one million, including Bexar, Dallas, Harris, Tarrant, and Travis.

Acceptable uses of the grant money require one for one matching funds to include the establishment or expansion of a community collaborative of service providers focused on meeting the needs of the mentally ill homeless population, the establishment, operation and/or maintenance of minimum services (assistance accessing benefits, detoxification units, integrated medical services, housing services and education, job training and/or supported employment).

The Bridge is a private non-profit organization that provides services 24-hours a day, 365 days a year.

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Bridge Steps is currently under contract to provide outreach/engagement, supportive services, transitional shelter, housing services and rental assistance, coordinated assessment/client prioritization, mental health services and substance abuse/detoxification to homeless individuals who suffer from mental illness, substance abuse disorder or co-occurring psychiatric disorders.

On June 28, 2018 and July 5, 2018, the Office of Homeless Solutions solicited a Request for Competitive Sealed Proposal for a twelve-month grant agreement, with one twelve-month renewal option, through the Office of Procurement Services for organizations to provide services to homeless individuals who have a mental illness, substance abuse use or co-occurring psychiatric disorder for fiscal year 2018-19 through the Texas Health and Human Services Commission Healthy Community Collaborative (HCC) Grant for \$1.5 million. Proposals were selected by a Healthy Community Collaborative Review Committee.

On September 26, 2018, City Council authorized the grant agreement between the City of Dallas and Bridge Steps to provide outreach/engagement, supportive services, transitional shelter, housing services and rental assistance, coordinated assessment/client prioritization, mental health services and substance abuse/detoxification to homeless individuals who suffer from mental illness, substance abuse disorder or co-occurring psychiatric disorders for the period September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019, by Resolution No. 18-1381.

The 2018 RFCSP included a twelve-month renewal option, but authorization for the twelve-month renewal option was not included in Resolution No. 18-1383. This item amends the prior resolution to include the 12-month renewal option and authorizes the City to amend the grant agreement and exercise and execute the twelve-month renewal option to the grant agreement with Bridge Steps to continue providing services under the HCCP Grant.

Fiscal Impact:

This item will result in the appropriation of additional THHSC HCC grant funds in the amount of \$504,201.00.

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



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