

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 16, 2019

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Upcoming Office of Homeless Solutions City Council Agenda Item for Authorization of Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County**

The following Office of Homeless Solutions (“OHS”) item will be considered by City Council on the August 28, 2019 Agenda:

Authorize an Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County/Dallas County Health and Human Services to provide scattered site housing assistance for persons with HIV/AIDS for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 - Not to exceed \$1,975,000.00 - Financing: 2017-18 Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant Funds (\$33,913.00), 2018-19 Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant Funds (\$655,839.00), and 2019-20 Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant Funds (\$1,285,248.00)

Approval of this item will authorize a twelve-month contract with Dallas County Health and Human Services to continue providing scattered site housing assistance (consisting of tenant-based rental assistance and short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance) for persons living with HIV/AIDS for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. The contract is fully funded through Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (“HOPWA”) grant funds authorized under the City of Dallas Consolidated Plan Budget.

Background:

Dallas County Health and Human Services (“County”) has provided HOPWA-funded scattered site housing assistance for eligible persons living with HIV/AIDS, residing primarily in Dallas County, since approximately 1993, and has the organizational capacity to continue providing these services without disruption.

Scattered site housing assistance includes long-term tenant-based rental assistance (“TBRA”) (similar to a Section 8 voucher that an eligible person may use at a housing unit of his or her choice) and short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance (“STRMU”) (which includes short-term payments designed to prevent homelessness for up to 21 weeks in a 52-week period). HOPWA clients also receive housing support services through case managers, who ensure that clients have access to other services, such as medical care, transportation, legal services, and food pantry. All HOPWA projects use the local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to collect client-level data for service coordination and reporting/evaluation purposes.

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Fiscal Impact:

This item will authorize disbursement of HOPWA grant funds in the amount of \$1,975,000.00 to Dallas County Health and Human Services, upon submission and approval of monthly financial and performance reports.

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



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