

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE December 3, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Upcoming Office of Community Care Item #92 – Texas Department of Criminal Justice Acceptance of Funds**

On December 8, 2021, the City Council will consider the following agenda item.

**Agenda Item #92:** Authorize the (1) 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 2022-2023) for re-entry services to individuals being released from TDCJ who are returning to the City of Dallas area to be provided from December 8, 2021 through August 31, 2023; (2) establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 in the TDCJ Re-Entry Services Grant Program Fund FY21-23; (3) receipt and deposit of grant funds from TDCJ in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 in the TDCJ Re-Entry Services Grant Program Fund FY21-23; and (4) execution of the Interlocal Agreement with TDCJ and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the agreement - Not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 - Financing: Texas Department of Criminal Justice Grant Funds

This item authorizes the City of Dallas to accept funding from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to provide reentry services for residents being released from TDCJ facilities. This funding was appropriated to TDCJ for distribution to the City of Dallas and the City of Houston for this purpose through the 87<sup>th</sup> Texas State Legislative Session. Dallas and Houston are each allocated \$1,000,000.00 for a two year period.

The Office of Community Care is working in coordination with the Small Business Center to develop a project plan for program administration, in alignment with the requirements and recommendations from TDCJ. Ultimately, funding will support programming that includes in-reach and pre-entry components, coupled with wraparound social services support and job skills training and placement. The departments will provide updates on the project and any future solicitations through the Workforce, Education and Equity Committee.

If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact me or Office of Community Care Director, Jessica Galleshaw.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kimberly B. Tolbert'.

Kimberly Bizer Tolbert  
Chief of Staff to the City Manager

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