

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE October 28, 2022

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Office of Homeless Solutions Update: Shelter Capacity Overflow Services**

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify the Mayor and City Council that the Shelter Capacity Overflow Services Request for Proposals (RFP) opened on October 27, 2022. A renewed and urgent need has been identified to expand shelter services, particularly overflow services (including to hotels), for individuals and families experiencing homelessness due to the recent loss of pandemic protections, rise in inflation, and scarcity of rental units.

Prior Action

The Shelter Capacity Overflow Services was approved by City Council on September 14, 2022. This item authorized Substantial Amendment No. 4 to the FY 2021-22 Annual Action Plan for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Relief Fund No. 1 and CARES Act Relief Fund No. 2 for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program to reallocate funds in the amount of \$1,589,407.00 from Rapid Re-Housing and ESG Administration to Emergency Shelter (\$1 million for a solicitation to provide expanded shelter overflow and overflow services to hotels and \$589,407.00 in emergency shelter expenses for repairs at the Bridge, which has had no major improvements in 14 years).

Current Action

The Shelter Capacity Overflow Services Request RFP is for \$1 million, to provide expanded shelter overflow and overflow services to hotels and to address the strain on our shelter providers and the need for additional capacity support, through the financial support of hotel stays and on-site needs.

Upcoming Action

This item is tentatively scheduled to be presented to the Housing and Homelessness Solutions Committee and City Council in February of 2023.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or Christine Crossley, Director of the Office of Homeless Solutions.

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Kimberly Bizer Tolbert
Deputy City Manager

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