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WHEREAS, the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic has been declared a public health disaster; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Treasury (“Treasury”) has made funding available to the City of Dallas to cover expenses incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2020, City Council authorized the acceptance and administration of \$234,443,127.60 in Coronavirus Relief Funds to mitigate the impact of responding to COVID-19 for the period of March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020, by Resolution No. 20-0644; and

WHEREAS, City of Dallas residents have been impacted by reduced hours, job losses, increased healthcare expenses, increased childcare expenses, and many other ways financially; and

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2020, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 was signed into law and funding made available through the Treasury for the City of Dallas to provide rental and utility assistance programs for the period of December 28, 2020 through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021, City Council authorized the acceptance of rental assistance program funds and a new Emergency Rental Assistance Program to provide up to twelve months rental and utility assistance to low-income households impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic by Resolution No. 21-0240; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the American Recovery Plan Act (“Act”) was signed into law, extending the timeframe for use of rental and utility assistance funds through September 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Act provided \$21.6 billion under the American Rescue Plan for Emergency Rental Assistance - including \$2.5 billion targeted to the highest-need areas, where job loss and high market costs have made it especially difficult for low-income renters; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Act, the Treasury made funding available to the City of Dallas in the total amount of \$50,225,677.40 to support rental and utility assistance programs for the period of May 21 ,2021 through September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Act, the Treasury disbursed 40% of the funds within 60 days of enactment, and subsequent payments will be allocated once 75% of the previous allocation is obligated; and

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WHEREAS, The City received \$20,090,270.96 of the \$50,225,677.40 in American Rescue Plan for Emergency Rental Assistance on May 27, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2021, City Council authorized the acceptance of \$50,225,677.40 in American Recovery Plan Act funds and authorized to receive, deposit, and disburse \$20,090,270.96 in American Recovery Plan Act funds to provide emergency rental assistance services for individuals directly and indirectly impacted by and/or during the COVID-19 pandemic by Resolution No. 21-1117; and

WHEREAS, The City received an additional \$15,067,703.22 of the \$50,225,677.40 in American Rescue Plan for Emergency Rental Assistance on March 24, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2022, City Council authorized to receive, deposit, and disburse \$15,067,703.22 in American Recovery Plan Act funds to provide emergency rental assistance services for individuals directly and indirectly impacted by and/or during the COVID-19 pandemic by Resolution No. 22-0649; and

WHEREAS, The City received an additional \$15,067,703.22 of the \$50,225,677.40 in American Rescue Plan for Emergency Rental Assistance on March 24, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2022, City Council authorized to receive, deposit and disburse and additional \$15,067,703.22 in American Recovery Plan Act funds to provide emergency rental assistance services for individuals directly and indirectly impacted by and/or during the COVID-19 pandemic by Resolution No. 22-1141; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas has seen and continues to see significant demand for rental and utilities assistance among those impacted by or during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept additional grant funds from the U.S. Department of the Treasury (“Treasury”) for the American Recovery Plan Act (“ARPA”) Emergency Rental Assistance Round 2 Program (CFDA No. 21.023) in the amount of \$1,437,213.07, increasing the appropriations from \$50,325,677.40 to \$51,762,890.47, to provide emergency rental assistance services for individuals directly and indirectly impacted by and/or during the COVID-19 pandemic; and execute and agree to all terms and conditions of an amendment or other document required to receive such additional funding, approved as to form by the City Attorney.

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SECTION 2. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to receive and deposit additional grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,437,213.07 in the ARPA Emergency Rental Assistance Program Round 2 Fund, Fund FC19, Department MGT, Unit 918G, Revenue Code 6506.

SECTION 3. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,437,213.07 in the ARPA Emergency Rental Assistance Program Round 2 Fund, Fund FC19, Department MGT, Unit 918G, Object 3070.

SECTION 4. That when necessary, the City Manager or designee is authorized to execute change orders or amendments to the subrecipient agreements, in excess of 25 percent and/or \$50,000.00 (subject to compliance with the applicable procurement laws), to commit and expend funds timely to meet federal and/or state requirements.

SECTION 5. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to spend funds in compliance with the ARPA Emergency Rental Assistance Program and in accordance with guidance from the Treasury.

SECTION 6. That City Manager is hereby authorized to take all necessary actions to account for and report the use, including but not limited to creating additional funds/units, and transferring appropriations between funds/units as efforts continue and further information on eligible uses is released.

SECTION 7. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute all documents and agreements necessary to implement the Program, including but not limited to agreement(s) to administer the program, approved as to form by the City Attorney.

SECTION 8. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to reimburse to the granting agency any expenditure identified as ineligible. The City Manager shall notify the appropriate City Council Committee of expenditures identified as ineligible not later than 30 days after the reimbursement.

SECTION 9. That the City Manager shall keep the appropriate City Council Committee informed of all final granting agency monitoring reports not later than 30 days after the receipt of the report.

SECTION 10. That the City Manager or his designee is authorized to provide additional information, make adjustments, and take other actions related to the implementation of the grant as may be necessary to satisfy the U.S. Department of Treasury.

SECTION 11. That this grant agreement is designated as Contract No. OCC-2022-00019914.

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SECTION 12. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.