

May 10, 2023

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2021, the City Council authorized the acceptance of American Rescue Plan Act funds (ARPA Funds) from the U.S. Department of Treasury for the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to provide relief during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic by Resolution No. 21-1149; and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2021, the City Council was briefed on allocation of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act, including allocation of \$4,350,000.00 for Mental Health Services and Senior - Isolation Support to provide community mental health programming, individual and group counseling, outreach, education, and services; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2021, the City Council authorized the final reading and adoption of the appropriation ordinance for the FY 2021-22 City of Dallas Operating, Capital, and Grant & Trust Budgets, which included the ARPA Funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury for the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds by Resolution No. 21-1590; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2022, the City issued a Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals (Solicitation No. BOZ22-00019362) for administering Community Mental Health programming that provides access to mental health services, education, outreach, lay person training, grief and stress support, and seniors isolation support to City residents who have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and who are members of low- and moderate-income households in accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, codified as Social Security Act §§ 602 and 603 (the Act) and SLFR regulations; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic downturn have disproportionately impacted the mental health of many Dallas residents and have created new and exacerbated existing barriers to accessing community mental health care; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code provides authorization for any local government to contract with a state agency, as defined by Section 771.002, to perform governmental functions and services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to timely and fully expend the ARPA Coronavirus State Local Fiscal Recovery Fund awarded to the City by Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas will benefit from city-wide mental health programs for residents of Dallas that have been impacted and/or had their needs exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now, Therefore,

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

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SECTION 1. That the City Manager or his or her designee is authorized to establish the Community Mental Health program in the City of Dallas to provide mental health support to City residents who have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and are members of an eligible low- or moderate-income household, as provided in the program statement.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a **(1)** one-year service contract, with a one-year renewal option with Harmony Community Development Corporation (VS93114) in the amount of \$2,000,000; **(2)** one-year interlocal agreement, with a one-year renewal option with Dallas County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center dba Metrocare Services (VS0000048211) in the amount of \$400,000; **(3)** one-year service contract, with a one-year renewal option with Big Thought (269229) in the amount of \$240,000; and **(4)** one-year service contract, with a one-year renewal option with Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas, Inc. (243979) in the amount of \$110,000, each approved as to form by the City Attorney, in a total amount not to exceed \$2,750,000. Each of these agreements shall provide for, among other terms and conditions, the following:

- a. Commencement on March 8, 2023 and expiration on March 7, 2024. The agreements may be amended only upon written agreement signed by the parties;
- b. The services are to be paid by the City on a reimbursement basis for actual and allowable expenses incurred, with administrative expenses not to exceed 10 percent of each subaward amount; and
- c. Compliance with the ARPA/SLFR Award Terms and Conditions, the Act, and all other federal statutes, regulations, and executive orders applicable to a non-Federal entity, subaward, and subrecipient, including but not limited to:
 - i. Section 602 of the Act, regulations adopted by Treasury pursuant to section 602(f) of the Act, and guidance issued by Treasury regarding the foregoing; and
 - ii. 31 CFR Part 35, as amended, and 2 CFR Part 200, as amended.

