

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE July 21, 2023

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Upcoming Office of Community Care Agenda Item Related to the Lactation Support Center Services Program for Women, Infants and Children Grant Acceptance- August 9, 2023**

On August 9, 2023, the following Office of Community Care item will be considered by City Council:

File ID: 23-1849: Authorize (1) the fourth amendment to Contract No. HHS000455600001, with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Department of State Health Services for the Lactation Support Center Services Program (LSCS) to increase by \$332,500.00, from \$2,006,520.00 to \$2,339,020.00; (a) to amend the term of the contract period from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2023 to September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2024; (b) to accept additional grant funds for FY 2024 budget for Amendment No. 4, in the amount of \$332,500.00 for the continuation of the LSCS Program; and (2) execution of the fourth amendment to the contract and all terms, conditions, and documents required by contract - Not to exceed \$332,500.00, from \$2,006,520.00 to \$2,339,020.00 - Financing: Department of State Health Services Grant Funds

Background

This item funds the Dallas WIC Lactation Support Center, enabling the WIC program to offer Lactation Support for mothers who require breastfeeding assistance free of charge for this service. The program deploys multiple service delivery methods, including in person classed for WIC moms in clinics, tele-consult services, support groups and training. To date in FY23, the Lactation Support Center has serviced over 11,746 clients. This grant will also enable the program to focus on strategic outreach in many of our most underserved communities and in alignment with the City's adopted Racial Equity Plan.

Since 2010, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) funded the Dallas Lactation Care Center through a grant contract with the City of Dallas Women, Infants and Children Program (Dallas WIC). The Lactation Care Center is funded separately from the core WIC program administered by Dallas WIC. The Lactation Care Center is a specialty walk-in clinic located in the heart of the Medical District. The staff includes a Registered Nurse, Internationally Board-Certified Lactation Consultants (IBCLC) and Breastfeeding Peer Counselors who provide comprehensive breastfeeding support and assistance to mothers currently enrolled in the WIC Program.

DATE July 21, 2023
SUBJECT **Upcoming Office of Community Care Agenda Item Related to the Lactation Support Center Services Program for Women, Infants and Children Grant Acceptance- August 9, 2023**
PAGE **2 of 2**

Dallas WIC will work with the HHSC, Community Health Improvement Division, Maternal and Child Health Unit to develop and implement the Lactation Support Center Services - Strategic Expansion Program. This program, through the Dallas Lactation Care Center will provide population-based services and implement strategies that will increase accessibility, quality, and coordination of breastfeeding support services in the contractor's service delivery area. The services provided under this contract complement and expand upon the services by the Dallas WIC program and allow the WIC program to act as: (1) a lactation resource center for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for mothers with breastfeeding problems; (2) a training center for WIC local agency staff and other health providers to receive clinical experience working with breastfeeding; mothers and (3) a statewide Breastfeeding Resource Center for health providers to utilize for information and assistance when working with pregnant and breastfeeding women.

The total amount of this contract will not exceed \$2,339,020.00, of which \$332,500.00 is funding from Department of State Health Services for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. With all renewals exercised, the total contract amount in two years is projected to be \$2,339,020.00. These funds will be utilized beginning September 1, 2023, to support program operations in alignment with DSHS fiscal year.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact myself or Jessica Galleshaw, Director of Community Care, at (214) 670-5113 or jessica.galleshaw@dallas.gov.



c: **M. Elizabeth (Liz) Cedillo-Pereira**
Assistant City Manager

T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
Tammy Palomino, Interim City Attorney
Mark Swann, City Auditor
Biliera Johnson, City Secretary
Preston Robinson, Administrative Judge
Kimberly Bizzor Tolbert, Deputy City Manager
Jon Fortune, Deputy City Manager

Majed A. Al-Ghafry, Assistant City Manager
Dr. Robert Perez, Assistant City Manager
Carl Simpson, Assistant City Manager
Jack Ireland, Chief Financial Officer
Genesis D. Gavino, Chief of Staff to the City Manager
Directors and Assistant Directors