

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 28, 2020

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Texas Department Criminal Justice (TDCJ) – Re-Entry Services Program Solicitation**

The Office of Community Care (OCC) will release a Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals (RFCSP) on Thursday, March 12, 2020 for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) Re-Entry Services Program.

More than 150,000 individuals were incarcerated in Texas in 2016 and data shows that one in five of Texas inmates released are re-incarcerated within three years of release. Upon release, individuals face a myriad of barriers to successful re-entry into society. These individuals often face limited employment opportunities, limited access to housing and are often ineligible for public benefits and other types of assistance, making it difficult to find stability and self-sufficiency.

The TDCJ Re-Entry Services Program solicitation seeks to support programming to help individuals who are released from TDCJ facilities and are returning to the Dallas area to overcome these barriers by providing grants to local organizations to provide services to support successful re-entry and reintegration and reduce recidivism. Specifically, the City is seeking to support organizations that demonstrate ability to provide comprehensive social services to individuals who are formerly incarcerated. Services could include job skills training, permanent employment placements, housing solutions, and other supportive services. Non-profit entities, faith-based organizations, community groups, and/or private sector organizations are eligible to apply.

Up to \$500,000 will be awarded through this procurement (\$250,000 for FY20 and \$250,000 for FY21). The targeted population for this program is clients being released from TDCJ facilities within the last 1-3 years and returning to the Dallas area. The contract period for this program will be for 16 months beginning on or after the date of the award. The contract period is expected to begin on May 1, 2020 and expire August 31, 2021.

City Council will receive official notification of the RFCSP release as part of an upcoming Office of Procurement Services *New Procurement Opportunities* memorandum.

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Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact myself or Jessica Galleshaw,
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