

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE July 31, 2020

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Update on CARES Act Funding for Emergency Rental Assistance Program**

On June 24, 2020, the Dallas City Council allocated \$10M in CARES Act funding for emergency Short-Term Rental Assistance. This memo provides an update on the \$6M of these funds that are being allocated by the Department of Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization (Housing). The Office of Community Care is in the process of evaluating applications for \$3.5M and an update is forthcoming. The Office of Fair Housing and Human Rights is allocating \$500k for legal support related to evictions.

Housing utilized an Interlocal agreement with the Dallas Housing Authority (DHA) and a Request for Applications (RFA) for nonprofit organizations to allocate \$6M for administration of an emergency Short-Term Rental Assistance Program. The Interlocal Agreement allows the City to partner with other governmental entities and in this case, the City is utilizing DHA's systems and capabilities to evaluate applications and issue payments in an expedited fashion. The RFA allows the city to identify nonprofit partners capable of reaching communities that do not typically come to the City for assistance and access systems they established to administer rental payments.

DHA submitted a strategic plan utilizing a weekly lottery by City Council district based on their developed equity indicators. The city awarded DHA \$4.5M to be allocated by weekly lottery. The RFA yielded six (6) nonprofit organizations requesting funds. The City awarded four (4) nonprofits a combined total \$1.5M. This includes the Human Rights Initiative, Voice of Hope, Refugee Services of Texas and The United Way of Metropolitan Dallas collaborative, which is comprised of Catholic Charities of Dallas, Metrocrest Services, Harmony CDC, The Wilkinson Center and the Salvation Army.

The timeline below summarizes the RFA solicitation review and approval process followed by next steps:

Dates	Actions
July 2 nd	RFA Posted – Housing Policy Task Force Outreach
July 17 th	RFA Closed
July 20 th – 22 nd	Scores Provided by Review Committee
July 24 th	Final Awards
July 27 th	Notices to the Applicants
July 27 th – July 31 st	Draft Agreements
July 30 th -31 st	Subrecipient Training

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Agency	Score	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
United Way of Metropolitan Dallas Collaboration	94.33	\$5,992,800	\$1,150,000
Human Rights Initiative	88.00	\$500,000	\$245,000
Voice of Hope	80.00	\$50,000	\$50,000
Refugee Services of Texas	79.33	\$55,000	\$55,000
Brother Bill's	73.00	\$50,000	\$0.00
Inspired Vision	58.67	\$50,000	\$0.00

Each nonprofit organization will develop for distribution to City of Dallas residents, materials that outline their respective programs and application process. The City of Dallas will assist with amplifying outreach by sharing the materials with City Council members for distribution, posted to the Covid-19 resources page at DallasCityHall.com and on the City's social media channels.

We recognize that the need is greater than funding will allow, but we believe that distributing these funds to organizations with a diverse geographic reach, we will maximize the opportunity to assist as many residents as the funding will allow. We will be briefing the Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Economic Recovery and Assistance on August 6, 2020.

Should you have any questions, please contact David Noguera, Director of the Department of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization, at (214) 670-5988.



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