

December 13, 2017

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2007, City Council authorized the Management Services Contract, Phase II (the "Contract"), with Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance ("MDHA") for the operation, programming and management of The Bridge, for the period December 12, 2007 through September 30, 2015 by Resolution No. 07-3739; and

WHEREAS, MDHA subsequently spun off the operation of The Bridge into a separate Texas nonprofit corporation, Bridge Steps ("Bridge Steps"), and on October 1, 2011, Bridge Steps assumed all of MDHA's obligations under the Contract and amendments thereto; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2015, City Council authorized the first five-year renewal option to the Contract, with Bridge Steps for continued operation of The Bridge, for the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2020, which continued requirements relating to Bridge Steps' fundraising and financial stability, as well as participation in the local designated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) selected by the Continuum of Care and managed by the HMIS lead agency, to record and report client level demographic and service data on a timely basis by Resolution No. 15-1800; and

WHEREAS, The Bridge serves more than 7,000 persons experiencing homelessness per year; and

WHEREAS, Dallas County will provide funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 through the Interlocal Agreement approved by a separate resolution, to be used by the City of Dallas for the operation of the facility, as revenue applied to the City's General Fund for The Bridge totaling \$4,800,000, for a net cost to the City of \$3,800,000; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2017, City Council authorized a grant from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) through the Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) and disbursement of \$811,130 in funding to Bridge Steps, to provide services to the homeless for the period September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018 by Resolution No. 17-1421; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas desires to authorize funding to continue the operation, programming, and management of The Bridge as a low-barrier, housing-focused shelter committed to ending and preventing homelessness, with continued emphasis on using HMIS to record and report client and services data and increased emphasis on fundraising and financial sustainability, under the leadership of the agency.

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

SECTION 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to: **(1)** sign an amended and restated Management Services Contract, Phase II (MSC), with Bridge Steps consistent with the original intent as a low-barrier, housing-focused shelter with proven results in housing placement, reduction in average length stay and reduction in returns to homelessness, and to ensure The Bridge complies with all conditions for additional funding, for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018, with the second renewal term, if the City elects to renew the contract, to begin on October 1, 2018 and end on September 30, 2023; **(2)** provide funding for Bridge Steps for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 from General Funds in an amount not to exceed \$4,800,000; and **(3)** provide funding for Bridge Steps for the period September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018 from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Grant Funds, under the Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP), in an amount not to exceed \$811,130, previously approved on September 13, 2017, by Resolution No. 17-1421, approved as to form by the City Attorney.

SECTION 2. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds to Bridge Steps (Vendor VS0000067075), in an amount not to exceed \$4,800,000 from General Fund, Fund 0001, Department MGT, Unit 4291, Object 3099, MASC Service No. HOU-2017-00003150-R1Y2-FY17-18.

SECTION 3. 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.

