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June 24, 2020

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has been declared a public health disaster; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Treasury has made funding available to the City of Dallas to cover expenses incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, City of Dallas residents have been impacted by reduced hours, job losses, increased healthcare expenses, increased childcare expenses, and many other ways financially; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas has seen significant demand for rental and utilities assistance among those impacted by the crisis.

Now, Therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to implement **(1)** an emergency Short-Term Rental and Utility Assistance Program (Program) as described in **Exhibit A** due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) to provide up to two months of rental assistance and/or utility payments and up to one month for arrears only, for a maximum term of three months for low- and moderate-income persons at or below 50 percent or at or below 80 percent of the area median income.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager is authorized to execute all documents and agreements necessary to implement the Program, including but not limited to agreement(s) to administer the program, approved as to form by the City Attorney.

SECTION 3. That the funding for the Program was authorized by City Council on April 22, 2020 through the CARES Act and in accordance with guidance from the U.S. Department of Treasury for the Coronavirus Relief Fund. On June 17, 2020 further allocations of the funding were briefed to City Council.

SECTION 4. That this program will spend funds from the Coronavirus Relief Funds authorized by City Council on April 22, 2020

SECTION 5. 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.

APPROVED BY
CITY COUNCIL

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CITY SECRETARY

Office of Community Care Short Term - Rental and Utility Assistance Program Program Statement

Description – Short-Term Rental and Utility Assistance Program

The program targets residents of the City of Dallas who are low income to maintain their housing by providing rental and utility assistance.

This program may also utilize non-profit agencies to serve as subrecipients for program administration throughout the Dallas community to reach more eligible participants.

Eligible Participants

Residents of the City of Dallas with incomes at or below 80% of the area median income (AMI), as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), who have been impacted by COVID-19.

Clients must:

- Earn at or below 80% of Area Median Income (majority of clients served should be 50% AMI or below)
- Reside in the City of Dallas at the time of application
- Be housed and at risk of homelessness
- Not have sufficient resources or support networks immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or other place not meant for human habitation

COVID-19 impact may include:

- proof of job/income loss, temporary or permanent
- reduction in work hours/income
- increased healthcare or household expenses that attributed to insufficiency of rent payments (i.e. increased child-care expenses due to school closures)
- unable to find, or maintain gainful employment due to COVID-19
- other evidence of negative impact of COVID-19

Eligible Uses

Rental assistance must be used for rent payments and/or utilities. Funding can be used to pay for all or part of the rent and/or utilities. Funding may be used to pay a client's rental and utility arrears, reconnection fees, and late fees that may be required to ensure a client is able to receive utility services.

Eligible Properties

Residential properties, publicly or privately-owned, located within Dallas City limits.

Assistance

Provides up to two (2) months of rental assistance and/or utility payments and up to one (1) month for arrears only, for a maximum term of three (3) months.

Funding

Various funding types may be used under this program and must follow the requirements of the funding types.

This program statement may be amended by the City Manager or designee to include amendments as appropriate to meet funding requirements.