

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 29, 2017

Honorable Members of the Economic Development and Housing Committee:

TO Tennell Atkins (Chair), Rickey D. Callahan (Vice Chair), Scott Griggs, Casey Thomas, II, B. Adam McGough, Mark Clayton, Kevin Felder, Omar Narvaez, Lee M. Kleinman

SUBJECT Amendments to the Regional Assessment of Fair Housing

SUMMARY

On October 25th, the City Council will be asked to approve an increase in the contract with the University of Texas at Arlington to conduct the Regional Assessment of Fair Housing.

BACKGROUND

On December 14, 2016, the Dallas City Council approved participation in a regional effort to develop the Regional Assessment of Fair Housing (RAFH). The Council also awarded a contract in the amount of \$734,433 to the University of Texas at Arlington to conduct the study. On June 14, 2017 the City Council approved the first amendment to the contract which was done to comply with HUD procurement regulations for sub recipients.

The RAFH is a HUD required study for all entities who receive HUD entitlement funds. HUD encourages regional cooperation in assessing housing issues. The City of Dallas is collaborating with 21 other jurisdictions to develop the RAFH.

ISSUE

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development issued new data sets at the end of July of this year that are required to be used as part of the RAFH. Incorporation of the new data sets results in additional time and costs to complete the study. A second amendment to the contract with University of Texas at Arlington is requested to enable UTA to review, analyze and incorporate updated HUD data into the RAFH. The amount of the contract increase is \$179,801. The City of Dallas portion of the cost is expected to be \$60,236. The additional work will add six months to the completion time for the RAFH. Council approval is also requested to extend the 5-year Consolidated plan for one year in order to incorporate plans and recommendations of the RAFH.

After the new HUD Data was released, UTA conducted a review and determined that these were substantial changes to the HUD sets. These changes included the location of R/ECAP areas and data on Housing problems within each of the 21 jurisdictions. The new schedule will allow for analysis at additional public input. Public input meetings will be held in January of 2018.

ALTERNATIVES

Failure to incorporate the new HUD data could result in rejection of the completed study by HUD.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The UTA contract will increase by \$179,801. The City of Dallas portion of that increase is estimated to be \$60,236.

COORDINATION

The Fair Housing and Human Rights Office coordinated with the Office of Financial Services in developing this briefing.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff request City Council approval of the contract amendment and staff recommendations on revised timelines.

Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information.



For Raquel Favela
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