

KEY FOCUS AREA: Clean, Healthy Environment

AGENDA DATE: January 13, 2016

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All

DEPARTMENT: Housing/Community Services

CMO: Alan Sims, Chief of Neighborhood Plus, 670-1611

MAPSCO: N/A

SUBJECT

Authorize (1) the acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$440,000 from TXU Energy to provide temporary financial assistance through the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center and the West Dallas Multipurpose Center to individuals and families who are experiencing a temporary financial crisis; and (2) an increase in appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$440,000 in the Energy Emergency Assistance Fund - Not to exceed \$440,000, from \$1,547,979 to \$1,987,979 - Financing: Private Funds

BACKGROUND

TXU Energy and the City of Dallas, Housing/Community Services Department recognize the need for providing charitable energy assistance to persons in financial distress to help reduce energy related costs essential to their health and welfare. TXU Energy developed the TXU Energy Aid Program as a supplement to government and community aid programs designed to assist individuals in financial distress to reduce energy related costs.

In March 2010, TXU Energy entered into an Energy Aid Agreement with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center and the West Dallas Multipurpose Center to provide charitable assistance to individuals that are TXU Energy customers needing energy efficiency assistance services. Energy Aid will be delivered as a component of the emergency financial assistance services available through the Social Services Programs at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center and the West Dallas Multipurpose Center.

TXU Energy provides grant funds, or in certain cases, products in lieu of grant funds to both Centers. The TXU Energy Aid Program is funded by voluntary contributions from TXU Energy. Through this program, the average assistance per client for utility bill payments will be \$700-\$900 with approximately 628 persons served.

BACKGROUND (Continued)

To participate in the program, the client must be a current TXU Energy customer and have a TXU Energy bill that is past due. There are no income limits or age restrictions to receive assistance.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW/(COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On January 22, 2014, the City Council accepted a donation from TXU Energy to provide temporary financial assistance to individuals and families who are experiencing a temporary financial crisis, by Resolution No. 14-0245.

Information about this item will be provided to the Housing Committee on January 4, 2016.

FISCAL INFORMATION

\$440,000 - Private Funds

January 13, 2016

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide temporary financial assistance to families in need of utility assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center and the West Dallas Multipurpose Center have developed a partnerships with TXU Energy to provide financial assistance through the TXU Energy Aid Program;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. That following approval as to form by the City Attorney, the City Manager is hereby authorized to **(1)** accept a donation in the amount of \$440,000 from TXU Energy to provide temporary financial assistance through the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center and the West Dallas Multipurpose Center to individuals and families who are experiencing a temporary financial crisis; and **(2)** increase appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$440,000, from \$1,547,979 to \$1,987,979 in the Energy Emergency Assistance Fund.

Section 2. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to receive and deposit funds in Fund 0312, Dept. HOU, Unit 0418, Revenue Code 8411, in an amount not to exceed \$220,000.

Section 3. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to increase appropriations in Fund 0312, Dept. HOU, Unit 0418, in an amount not to exceed \$220,000.

Section 4. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds from Fund 0312, Dept. HOU, Unit 0418, Object Code 2140, in an amount not to exceed \$220,000.

Section 5. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to receive and deposit funds in Fund 0312, Dept. HOU, Unit 1435, Revenue Code 8411, in an amount not to exceed \$220,000.

Section 6. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to increase appropriations in Fund 0312, Dept. HOU, Unit 1435, in an amount not to exceed \$220,000.

Section 7. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds from Fund 0312, Dept. HOU, Unit 1435, Object Code 2140, in an amount not to exceed \$220,000.

Section 8. 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.

Memorandum



DATE December 31, 2015

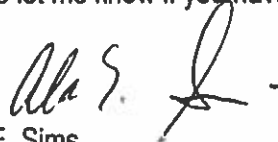
TO Housing Committee Members: Scott Griggs, Chair, Carolyn King Arnold, Vice-Chair, Mayor Pro-Tem Monica R. Alonzo, Tiffinni A. Young, Mark Clayton, and Casey Thomas, II

SUBJECT **Upcoming Addendum Agenda Item on the January 13, 2016 Council Agenda – Authorize an agreement with the Urban Land Institute not to exceed \$125,000 for consulting services related to the development of the City’s new housing policy; such contract to be privately funded by Trammel Crow Company and the ULI Foundation**

This item authorizes an agreement in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 with the Urban Land Institute (ULI) to conduct an Advisory Services Panel on affordable and mixed income housing for purposes of developing the City’s new housing policy. The agreement will be privately funded in the amount of \$115,000 donated by Trammel Crow Company and the ULI Foundation; the city will fund the remaining \$10,000 from the Public Private Partnership Fund.

The contract will not be subject to procurement processes under the City’s Special Needs exception in A.D. 4-5, Section 9.3.5. A special need exists where experience indicates that only one consultant can best provide the required service, or where an immediate emergency necessitates the immediate hiring of a consultant. ULI is best and uniquely qualified to perform the services because they create panels of industry leaders from their diverse membership, which includes developers, planners, financiers, market analysts, designers, economists, architects, and public officials, to provide practical and objective advice that is not available from any other source, and has been offering this service for over 65 years.

Please let me know if you have any questions.



Alan E. Sims
Chief of Neighborhood Plus

c: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
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Rosa A. Rios, City Secretary
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