

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE May 7, 2020

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **EPA Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant Awarded to the City of Dallas**

The City of Dallas has been awarded one of three Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Assessment Grants given to the state of Texas. The grant was based on the application for assessment coalition funding submitted in late 2019. Dallas received the maximum funding given for an EPA Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant in the amount of \$600,000.00.

The application, which included The Real Estate Council (TREC) Foundation, St. Philip's School and Community Center and Lone Star Justice Alliance as coalition partners, contemplates community-wide grant funds to inventory and prioritize potentially contaminated sites with the initial focus on South Dallas/Fair Park. The work will also include significant community engagement to shape the program moving forward.

Items will be placed on the City Council agenda shortly to approve and accept the Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant, to establish a Cooperative Agreement (CA) Work Plan between the City of Dallas and the EPA, to execute the Coalition Member Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Dallas and the Coalition Partners, and to approve the contract for the consulting firm, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., which was selected in a competitive bid process to assist the City with implementing the Brownfields program.

The Office of Strategic Partnerships and Government Affairs and the Office of Environmental Quality (OEQS) worked together on the grant application. OEQS will facilitate and implement the program along with the Brownfields Program partners. It is anticipated that the funds will be available for use by October 2020.

Please contact James McGuire, Director of the Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability (OEQS), if you have any questions.

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Kimberly Bizer Tolbert
Chief of Staff to the City Manager

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