



Financial Services Department

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Maso and City Council Members

Thru: George Purefoy, City Manager
Nell Lange, Assistant City Manager
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From: Stacy Brown, Housing and Grants Manager

Date: November 15, 2016

Subject: Consider and act on a Resolution to approve a Collaborative Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Frisco and the cities of Dallas, McKinney, Plano, Denton, Garland, Greenville, the County of Dallas, Dallas Public Housing Authority, Fort Worth Housing Solutions, Dallas County Housing Agency, Denton County Housing Authority, Frisco Housing Authority, Plano Housing Authority, McKinney Housing Authority, Garland Housing Authority, Grandview Housing Authority, Waxahachie Housing Authority, Cleburne Housing Authority, Fresno Housing Authority, Ennis Housing Authority, and Royce City Housing Authority for Regional Fair Housing Assessments and Regional Collaboration to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing.

Action Requested: Consider and act on a Resolution to approve a Collaborative Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Frisco and the cities of Dallas, McKinney, Plano, Denton, Garland, Greenville, the County of Dallas, Dallas Public Housing Authority, Fort Worth Housing Solutions, Dallas County Housing Agency, Denton County Housing Authority, Frisco Housing Authority, Plano Housing Authority, McKinney Housing Authority, Garland Housing Authority, Grandview Housing Authority, Waxahachie Housing Authority, Cleburne Housing Authority, Fresno Housing Authority, Ennis Housing Authority, and Royce City Housing Authority to participate in the Regional Fair Housing Assessment and Regional Collaboration to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing.

Background Information: As an entitlement community of the Community Development Block Grant award through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development the City of Frisco is required to complete an Assessment of Fair Housing. In March 2016, HUD published a new final rule regarding the obligation to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing. The new rule replaces the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice with an Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH). The AFH is an examination and determination of: 1) fair housing data, 2) assessment of fair housing issues, and 3) identification of fair housing priorities and goals for the implementation and use of the City's HUD funds. An AFH report is the result of the above analysis and conclusions.

The new rule encourages entitlement communities and public housing authorities to complete the Assessment of Fair Housing collaboratively on a regional basis to accurately identify fair housing priorities and goals and the use of HUD funds.

The City has been in discussions with the City of Dallas, the lead agency, and the other entities in the Collaboration Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding about participating in the Regional Assessment of Fair Housing. The University of Texas at Arlington has been engaged to do the data collection, and analysis of the data. The cost, approximately \$1,200, will be paid by grant funds, and has been prorated according to the amount of HUD funds received last year by all of the entities involved. This amount is significantly less than the \$35,000 that the City of Frisco paid for a consultant to complete the prior Fair Housing Plan.

Alternatives: The City Council could deny or table the request.

Financial Considerations: The cost of participation in the collaboration is up to \$1,200 and would be paid by grant funds. The Assessment to Fair Housing is a requirement of the Community Development Block Grant which grants budgeted funding of over \$400,000 per year to the City.

Legal Review: Ryan Pittman of Abernathy, Roeder, Boyd and Hullett has reviewed the agreement and approved as to form.

Supporting Documents: Collaboration Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the Collaboration Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding.