

**City Council – Action Request Form**

**Date:** April 9, 2024

**To:** Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

**From:** Scott Tesh, Budget and Performance Management Director

**Council Action Requested:**

Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget Ordinances for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina

**Strategic Focus Area:** Service Excellence

**Strategic Objective:** Maintain City’s Financial Strength

**Strategic Plan Action Item:** No

**Key Work Item:** No



**Summary of Information:**

The proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget ordinances authorize adjustments for the following purposes.

**Appropriation of Grants and Other Revenues Received**

- The Winston-Salem Department of Transportation has received additional revenue for the FY 2023-24 Elderly & Disabled Transit Assistance Program (EDTAP) in the amount of \$13,900. The proposed amendment appropriates these funds to cover EDTAP eligible expenses.

**Committee Action:**

<b>Committee</b>	<u>F – 4/9/24</u>	<b>Action</b>	<u>Approval</u>
<b>For</b>	<u>Unanimous</u>	<b>Against</b>	<u></u>

**Remarks:**

- The Police Department has received additional federal forfeiture funds from the United States Department of Justice totaling \$21,420, from the United States Department of Treasury totaling \$42,610, and additional state-controlled substance tax receipts from the Office of the State Auditor totaling \$33,050. These funds would be used for training (\$64,030), and for the purchase of equipment (\$33,050). Future equipment purchases could include items such as safety gear, surveillance equipment, computer software and hardware, and other IT needs.

### **Biosolids Facility Repairs and Enhancements**

- Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Utilities operates a regional biosolids facility at the Archie Elledge Wastewater Treatment Plant. The biosolids facility experienced a significant and unforeseen failure on November 9, 2023. The costs to construct the repairs to the facility, procure replacement equipment, and implement additional efficiency enhancements, are estimated to be \$9,500,000. It is anticipated the City will be reimbursed approximately \$5,600,000 by Travelers Insurance for the damage to the facility, with the remaining \$3,900,000 coming from Sewer Fund reserves. The proposed amendment appropriates \$9,500,000 to return the facility to its original operating condition with additional efficiency modernizations.

### **Appropriation of Occupancy Tax Revenues to Host the CALEA Conference**

- Winston-Salem is hosting the CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) Conference in July of this year. The conference brings in representatives from law enforcement agencies from across the country and internationally. The proposed budget amendment appropriates \$103,000 of occupancy tax fund balance to help the Police Department, as the local agency, put on the "host" night at a local business for attendees. The funds will also be used to cover any expenses incurred as the host agency for the Conference.

### **Successful Outcomes After Release (SOAR) Contingency Appropriation**

- Rally Up Winston-Salem Ministries has requested \$2,500 in SOAR funding to support anti-violence programming in the calendar year 2024. The mission statement of the organization is to provide an alternative and subsequent permanent dynamic to overcome the wiles of senseless violence from a Christ centered narrative. Funds would support the "Stop the Violence Weekend" and "Summer Sports Camp" and would be dispersed to compensate volunteers, rent venue space, procure audio technician services, and provide food and beverages to campers. The attached amendment moves \$2,500 from a SOAR contingency account for this purpose.