

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: August 12, 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 2024-25 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 2024-25 budget ordinances authorize adjustments for the following purposes.

Appropriation of Grants and Other Revenues Received

- The City of Winston-Salem has been awarded a grant of \$190,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for LED lighting upgrades at the 4th and Church parking deck. The proposed amendment appropriates the full grant amount.

Committee Action:

Committee	Committee of the Whole 8/12/2024	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	

Remarks:

- Due to the delay in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announcing entitlement allocations, the City's budget for FY 2024-25 appropriated estimates for the following grants: \$2,026,720 in Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, \$1,494,670 in HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds, \$182,360 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds, and \$746,160 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds.

As a result of announcing entitlement allocations, the Neighborhood Services Department has now received decreases of \$5,380 in CDBG funds, \$261,170 in HOME funds, and \$3,520 in ESG funds and an increase of \$14,780 in HOPWA funds. The decrease in CDBG funds will be taken from housing rehabilitation. Since the HOME Program operates as a consortium of Winston-Salem, Forsyth County, and the other municipalities in the county, Forsyth County's allocation will decrease to \$217,000. In addition, HOME regulations require a minimum award to a Community Housing Development Organization. To meet the requirement, the award to Habitat for Humanity will decrease by \$29,600 to \$266,400. The remaining funds will be taken from multi-family housing production. The proposed amendment appropriates these additional funds and awards the amounts to the entities stated.

Appropriation of Winston-Salem Transit Authority Fund Balance

- Winston-Salem is hosting the International Black Theater Festival from Monday, July 29 to Saturday, August 3. The City of Winston-Salem has entered into a contract with Adventures by Dawn, LLC for \$193,130 to provide shuttle services throughout the festival. Additional funds are also needed for security services at the transit center due to the contract amount being \$60,000 higher than initially anticipated. The proposed amendment appropriates \$253,130 of fund balance for the shuttle service for the International Black Theater Festival and the security contract for the transit center.