

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: June 13, 2023

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 2022-23 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 2022-23 budget ordinances authorize adjustments for the following purposes.

Appropriation of Grants and Other Revenues Received

- The Police Department has received additional federal forfeiture funds from the United States Department of Justice totaling \$17,230, the United States Department of Treasury totaling \$231,280, and additional state-controlled substance tax receipts from the Office of the State Auditor totaling \$33,630. These funds would be used for training (\$99,590), items for the K-9 unit including dog food and veterinarian expenses (\$18,380), and for the purchase of equipment (\$164,170). Future equipment purchases could include items such as safety gear, surveillance equipment, computer software and hardware, and other IT needs.

Committee Action:

Committee	<u>FC June 13, 2023</u>	Action	<u>Approval</u>
For	<u>Unanimous</u>	Against	<u></u>

Remarks:

Sponsorship for 1Love Festival

- Last year, the City provided a “Stage Supporter” sponsorship of \$8,000 to the 1Love Festival. Organizers have requested the same level of sponsorship for the 2023 festival, which will take place June 23-24 in Winston-Salem. 1Love Festival also will be held later in the year in Houston (TX) and Miami (FL). According to the organizers’ promotional information, 1Love Festival is a two-day festival in three markets underrepresented in mainstream popular culture. The festival will celebrate and center around Black/African-American music, arts, innovation, empowerment, and health equity. Organizers provided staff with letters of support from the Arts Council and Winston-Salem Urban League. The proposed amendment appropriates \$8,000 in occupancy tax fund balance to provide a “Stage Supporter” sponsorship for the 2023 1Love Festival.

Additional Architectural Services for the Belview Recreation Center Improvements Project

- The proposed amendment appropriates \$40,000 from the FY 2023 Recreation and Parks LOBs contingency funds for additional architecture services related to the Belview Recreation Center Improvements Project.

Transfer Revenue Replacement Funding for Housing

- On January 3, 2023, the Mayor and City Council approved a resolution allocating the remaining balance of the American Rescue Plan Act Framework to the Housing Assistance Earmark. At that time, City staff were researching and working with attorneys and finance professionals from the UNC School of Government on appropriate accounting practices. After review by the City’s external auditing firm, it has been determined that those remaining funds earmarked for Housing Assistance can be transferred to the capital projects fund. This amendment transfers \$4,417,030 out of general fund balance to the capital projects fund for housing purposes.

Technical Adjustment to Move State Pandemic Recovery Housing Grant to The Housing Finance Assistance Fund

- The City of Winston-Salem received a \$10 million grant from the North Carolina Pandemic Recovery Office for affordable housing. These funds were originally budgeted in the capital projects fund and the proposed amendment moves the full \$10 million to the housing finance assistance fund.