

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: January 11, 2021

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

From: Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager
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Council Action Requested:
Ordinances Amending the Fiscal Year 2020-21 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 2020-21 budget ordinances authorize adjustments for the following purposes.

Appropriation of Grants and Other Revenues Received

- In April of 2018, The Clearing House Payments Company LLC and the City of Winston-Salem entered into an economic development agreement conditioned on the company’s achievement of certain capital investment and job creation goals. The company was also awarded \$150,000 in grant funds from the State’s One NC Grant program. The company’s performance through the end of March 2020 has qualified it to receive 75% of the total One NC Grant award or \$112,500. The terms of the One NC Grant require that all funds awarded under the grant be passed through the participating unit of local government. The proposed amendment appropriates these funds.

Committee Action:

Committee	Finance 1/11/2021	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	

Remarks:

- The Community Development Department has received \$212,500 in Emergency Solutions Grant funds from the State of North Carolina to provide operating support to emergency shelters and assistance for extremely low-income individuals and families who are homeless. The City Council approved submission of the application, including grant allocations to agencies, in June 2020. The proposed amendment appropriates these funds and awards them to the agencies and in the amounts designated by the State.
- The proposed amendment appropriates \$13,350 in contributions from businesses and individuals received during the fiscal year to support the Recreation and Parks Department's programs and centers.
- In November 2020, Council approved an agreement with the NCDOT for funding for the western section of the Multi-use Path. The total estimated cost of this project is \$2,704,000. The Federal amount approved is \$2,163,200 and the required 20% local match by the City is \$540,800. The City's local match is available from 2018 Bond Funds. The proposed amendment appropriates the \$2,163,200 from NCDOT.
- The FY 2020-21 adopted budget included allocations from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs. Due to a miscalculation by HUD, the City's FY 2020-21 allocations for CDBG and HOME are being reduced by \$330 and \$280 respectively. The proposed amendment reduces the HUD grant allocations by these amounts.
- Fleet Services has recommended replacement of a 2006 Chevrolet Pickup assigned to the Winston-Salem Police Department's Hazardous Device Unit. The vehicle is currently out of service due to repairs and meets the City's replacement guidelines for age and maintenance and repair costs. The proposed amendment appropriates \$13,500 in insurance proceeds from accidents involving police department vehicles for the first lease payment to replace the vehicle.