

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: November 14, 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 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 Police Department has received additional federal forfeiture funds from the United States Department of Justice totaling \$5,260, and additional state-controlled substance tax receipts from the Office of the State Auditor totaling \$43,650. These funds would be used for training (\$2,270), items for the K-9 unit including dog food and veterinarian expenses (\$2,990), and for the purchase of equipment (\$43,650). Future equipment purchases could include items such as safety gear, surveillance equipment, computer software and hardware, and other IT needs.

Committee Action:

Committee	FC (11/14/23)	Action	Approval
For	3 Aye	Against	

Remarks:

MPT Adams
Absent

- The Winston-Salem Police Department has received an award of \$5,042.85 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the 2023 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership. The city is required to provide a 100% match for the award. The city's match of \$5,050 will be paid using existing operating budget. The proposed amendment appropriates the total of \$10,100 for the purchase of armored vests for the department.
- The Neighborhood Services Department will receive \$211,889 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 2023. The proposed amendment appropriates these funds and awards them to the agencies and in the amounts designated by the State.
- The Winston-Salem Transit Authority has received additional revenue for the FY 2022-23 Elderly & Disabled Transit Assistance Program (EDTAP) in the amount of \$17,910. The proposed amendment appropriates these funds to cover EDTAP eligible expenses.

Appropriation from Bowman Gray Stadium Fieldhouse Capital Reserve

- The proposed amendment appropriates \$91,720 for facility improvements and maintenance priorities at Bowman Gray Stadium. The improvements and maintenance priorities at the fieldhouse include carpet replacement (\$25,190), interior painting (\$25,500), and office furniture replacement (\$41,030). These improvements would be provided from a capital reserve that is jointly funded by the City and Winston-Salem State University under the Stadium and Field House lease agreement.

Appropriation of Occupancy Tax Fund Balance for CityVision

- Winston-Salem will serve as the host city for the N.C. League of Municipalities' 2024 CityVision Conference, which will take place at the Benton Convention Center from April 23-26. As the host city, the City organization will provide logistical support for the conference and organize an evening event of food and entertainment for League members and their guests. An internal committee of City staff currently is working with staff from the League, Visit Winston-Salem, and convention center management on planning the conference. The committee has developed a budget of \$200,000 to cover the City's expenses to support the conference, including the host city event, transportation, security, volunteer support, and a golf tournament. Funding for the City's budget would come from the City's occupancy tax fund reserves, which totaled \$598,000 as of June 30, 2023.