

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: August 12, 2025

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 2025-26 Budget Ordinances for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Strategic Focus Area: Good Government

Strategic Objective: GG4: Maintaining and updating infrastructure and facilities

Summary of Information:

The proposed amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget ordinance authorizes adjustments for the following purposes.

Appropriation of Grants and Other Revenues Received

- ☐ The Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 and FFY 2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) funds awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development exceeds the amount currently appropriated by \$607,950. CoC funds provide permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing, and services to homeless individuals and families. The proposed amendment appropriates these additional funds.

Committee Action:

Committee	Finance 8/12/2025	Action	Approval
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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 2025-26 appropriated estimates for the following grants: \$2,021,340 in Federal Fiscal Year 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, \$1,207,610 in HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds, \$178,130 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds, and \$846,390 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds.

As a result of announcing entitlement allocations, the Neighborhood Services Department has now received increases of \$8,122 in CDBG funds, \$22,371.53 in HOME funds, and \$4,331 in HOPWA funds and a decrease of \$480 in ESG funds. The increase in CDBG funds will go to community development initiatives. 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 increase by \$4,000 to \$221,000. The remaining funds will go to multi-family housing production. The proposed amendment appropriates these additional funds and awards the amounts to the entities stated.

Occupancy Tax Fund Balance Appropriation for LJVM Contribution

- The proposed amendment appropriates \$15,000 in occupancy tax fund reserves to cover an additional contribution toward events at Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum (LJVM) that took place during FY 24-25.

Re-Appropriation of Unencumbered Funding per the City's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Framework

- Per accounting standards from our external auditors, the majority of community agency grants authorized by the Mayor and City Council that are funded by revenue replacement dollars in the ARPA framework must be appropriated and spent in the general fund. Because the general fund is an annual fund, this requires certain amounts to be re-appropriated in a subsequent year. All appropriations related to this amendment are previously authorized by the Mayor and City Council, and this is a technical adjustment to ensure that program funding remains available. The followings amounts are included:
 - Boston Thurmond Community Network (Public Art) - \$23,333.75

Re-Allocation of Previously Received Grant Funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Approval of Recreation and Parks Contingency Funds (2023 LOBs) to Replace Tennis Court Lighting at Joe White Tennis Center

- The City of Winston-Salem was 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 City has since received authorization to reallocate the grant funds to replace the tennis court lighting on the clay courts at Joe White Tennis Center at Hanes

Park. The full cost of the project is \$470,000, with remaining portion of the funding recommended to come from the 2023 LOBs funds allocated for recreation and parks contingency. The proposed amendment reallocates the \$190,000 in grant funds and authorizes the use of the \$280,000 in 2023 LOBs contingency funds for the replacement of lighting at Joe White Tennis Center.