

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: March 15, 2021

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

From: Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager
Patrice Toney, Budget and Evaluation Director

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

- The Police Department has received a 2021 Police Benefit Fund grant totaling \$12,556 from The Winston-Salem Foundation for morale-building activities such as meals for officers and police personnel working on Thanksgiving and Christmas days and the annual retiree luncheon. The proposed amendment appropriates these funds.

Committee Action:

Committee	Finance 3/15/2021	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	

Remarks:

- In June of 2020, the City Council approved a resolution allowing the City Manager to sign a memorandum of understanding with the Forsyth County Veteran's Treatment Court committing the city's willingness to act as a fiscal agent for their application for funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Adult Drug Court and Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) Discretionary Grant Program. The current funding for this program is set to expire on February 28th, 2021. The Forsyth County VTC has been awarded a BJA grant in the amount of \$269,289 to continue to fund a case manager (full-time) and a mentor coordinator (half-time) position. The proposed amendment appropriates these pass-through funds in the amount of \$269,289.

- An amendment in August 2020 appropriated \$712,943 in CARES Act Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) 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 Community Development Department has now received an additional \$1,079,173 from a second round of State CARES Act ESG funding (NC ESG-CV2 funds). The proposed amendment appropriates these funds and awards them to the agencies and in the amounts designated by the State.

- In February 2021, the Winston-Salem Transit Authority received \$57,360 in additional CARES Act funding from NCDOT to provide fare-free rides to COVID vaccination clinics. The proposed amendment appropriates these funds to both Fixed Route (\$20,000) and Trans-Aid (\$37,360) services.