

## City Council – Action Request Form

**Date:** December 11, 2023

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

**From:** Shantell McClam, Neighborhood Services Director  
Patrice Toney, Assistant City Manager

**Council Action Requested:**

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of State Fiscal Recovery Funds To Provide Homelessness Prevention Services and Execution of Agreements

**Strategic Focus Area:** Livable Neighborhoods

**Strategic Objective:** Expand Housing Assistance Programs

**Strategic Plan Action Item:** No

**Key Work Item:** No



**Summary of Information:**

On September 25, 2023 the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services released a State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) Request for Application to address the need of those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The State Fiscal Recovery Funds are to be used to rapidly house homeless households and prevent families and individuals from becoming homeless. Prioritization is provided to households involved with the Department of Social Services (DSS), highly prioritizing families involved with Child Protective Services (CPS). If there are no DSS or CPS involved families that have applied or qualify for services, funds are provided through the CoC’s Coordinated Intake Center.

On November 13, 2023 the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services announced a SFRF funding allocation for the City of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County in the amount of \$165,023.

**Committee Action:**

<b>Committee</b>	CD/H/GG – 12/11/23	<b>Action</b>	Approval
	FC – 12/12/23		
<b>For</b>	Unanimous	<b>Against</b>	

**Remarks:**

Funds will be used by Neighborhood Services staff and interns to provide homelessness prevention services. Eligible activities for homelessness prevention include rental application fees, rental assistance, rental arrears including security deposit, utility arrears and utility assistance including deposit, landlord incentives, case management, and hotel vouchers. These funds will target only households imminently at risk of becoming homeless. The program has a start date of January 1, 2024 with an end date of June 30, 2025. The program is looking to serve 25-30 households.

The accompanying resolution authorizes the City Manager to accept the grant, execute funding agreements with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, negotiate and execute agreements in the amount of funding provided, and submit periodic progress reports as requested by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. A project budget ordinance to appropriate the funds is also attached.