

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: November 9, 2020

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

From: Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager
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Council Action Requested:

Ordinance 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 proposed amendment appropriates \$30,000 in micromobility device fees required of electric scooter and bicycle companies operating within the city. Funding will be used to support program management of the devices, ensure that the companies are adhering to micromobility permit requirements, promote the safety of roadway users, and purchase software to assist in the regulation and implementation of the program.

Committee Action:

Committee	Finance 11/9/2020	Action	Approve as Amended
For	Unanimous	Against	

Remarks:

- The Police Department has received additional federal forfeiture funds from the United States Department of Treasury totaling \$61,860, and additional state controlled substance tax receipts from the Office of the State Auditor totaling \$12,520. These funds would be used for officer training (\$11,040), items for the K-9 unit including dog food and veterinarian expenses (\$2,710), and for the purchase of equipment. (\$60,630).
- The amount of program income generated from the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) fund for program year 2018-19 exceeded budgeted estimates by \$46,480. The proposed amendment appropriates the additional program income from CDBG funds for community development initiatives.

Continuum of Care Temporary Positions

- In August 2020, the Mayor and City Council approved a CARES Act Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) from the State of North Carolina. The Community Development department plans to use a portion of this allocation to fund two temporary positions, a Continuum of Care Housing Navigator and a Continuum of Care Case Manager. The proposed amendment transfers \$100,000 in NC ESG CARES Act funds and \$30,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to the general fund to cover the full cost of these positions.

Choice Neighborhoods Initiative

- In April 2020, HUD notified the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem and the City of its award of a \$30 million Choice Neighborhoods Initiative grant. The City has committed to providing a local contribution from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds as well as 2018 general obligation bonds for housing development. The proposed amendment transfers \$500,000 in CDBG funds and \$3,000,000 from 2018 general obligation bonds to the capital projects fund for the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative.

The City is the lead implementation entity for the Neighborhood Plan component of the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative. A dedicated temporary position for the six-year life of the grant is needed to manage neighborhood plan and partnership development; community engagement, collaboration and plan implementation; and HUD reporting. The Housing Authority of Winston-Salem would pay for no less than 50% of the position, and the City would use CDBG funds to pay for the remainder. The proposed amendment would allocate \$50,000 from CDBG and a \$50,000 contribution from HAWS for the first year of the position.

Contribution to Nonprofit Agency

- Council Member Macintosh has requested the use of his budgeted travel expenses to make a one-time contribution of \$7,000 to Applied Family Services, a non-profit organization. The proposed amendment transfers \$7,000 from the Northwest Ward travel and meeting expenses budget to provide a public purpose grant to the designated non-profit organization.