

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: September 13, 2021

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

From: Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager

Council Action Requested:

Ordinances Amending the Fiscal Year 2021-22 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 2021-22 budget ordinances authorize adjustments for the following purposes.

Appropriation of Grants and Other Revenues Received

- Historic Bethabara Park Inc., a 501(c)3, applied for a North Carolina State Historic Preservation Fund grant to complete a historic structure report for four buildings in the Bethabara National Historic Landmark District. Grants from the Historic Preservation Fund must be administered by a certified local government, so the City will receive and manage the grant. The proposed amendment appropriates a total of \$49,000 to hire a consultant to produce the four historic structure reports, with \$35,000 coming from the Historic Preservation Fund and a local match of \$14,000 provided by Historic Bethabara Park Inc.

Committee Action:

Committee	Finance 9/13/2021	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	

Remarks:

- The Winston-Salem Foundation is providing a \$10,000 technology grant to the Winston-Salem African American Heritage Initiative (AAHI). This technology grant will be used to support AAHI's mission of collecting oral interviews and digitizing pictures/artifacts from the era of segregation. With this assistance from the Winston-Salem Foundation, technology needs such as scanners, cameras, and recorders will be purchased to help ensure these stories and artifacts are accessible to the public. The proposed amendment appropriates these funds.

- The Human Relations Department is receiving its annual Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP) grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Unlike prior years, funds are now being split out into distinct categories: \$28,700 will be used for case processing; \$13,200 will be used for training; and \$12,500 will be used for administrative procedures. In total, this year's HUD grant is for \$54,400. Since the federal government's budget calendar is different from the City's, the Human Relations Department estimates what their HUD funding will be based off previous FHAP grants. \$52,000 was estimated this budget season and has already been allocated. Since the Human Relations Department has now received the notice from HUD of the actual funding amount, this amendment is appropriating the additional \$2,400.

Appropriation for Downtown Business Improvement District

- Due to a decline in the tax base for the Downtown Winston-Salem Business Improvement District (BID), the current levy for FY 2021-22 was decreased by nearly \$60,000 compared to the previous fiscal year. The proposed amendment appropriates \$60,000 from general fund balance for the BID to maintain the same level of service for FY 2021-22.

Bowen Boulevard Bollards

- The Winston-Salem Department of Transportation has been made aware of frequent violations of the City ordinance related to parking on the sidewalk along Bowen Boulevard. City code prohibits parking on the sidewalk which creates a significant safety concern for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic. This problem is exacerbated due to the frequent use of Hansel B. Thomas Park on the west side of Bowen Boulevard. The proposed amendment would utilize \$40,000 of greenway Motor Vehicle Privilege Tax revenues to install wooden bollards along the western side of Bowen Boulevard from Attucks Street to 25th Street.