

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: January 13, 2020

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:
Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget Ordinance 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 2019-2020 budget ordinances authorize adjustments for the following purposes.

Appropriation of Grants and Other Revenues Received

- The Community Development Department has received \$208,687 in 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 Mayor and City Council approved submission of the application, including grant allocations to agencies, in June 2019. The proposed amendment appropriates the \$208,687 in ESG funds and awards them to the agencies and in the amounts designated by the State.

Committee Action:

Committee	Finance 1/13/2020	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	

Remarks:

- The proposed amendment appropriates \$20,300 in contributions and sponsorships for four Human Relations Department events. New sponsorships include \$2,700 for the Gentrification Symposium, \$2,600 for Building Integrated Communities, and \$12,000 for the Youth Advisory Council Summit. International Village received \$3,000 more in contributions and sponsorships than what was originally budgeted. Sponsorship funds are used to help cover costs of the event for which they are received.
- The proposed amendment appropriates \$51,280 in contributions from businesses and individuals received during the fiscal year to support the Recreation and Parks Department's programs and centers.

Downtown Ballpark Capital Maintenance

- Under the City's stadium lease agreement with the Winston-Salem Dash, the City, as the landlord, is responsible for all repairs and replacements necessary to maintain BB&T Ballpark in good condition and in compliance with Minor League Baseball Facility Standards. The City is not responsible for routine maintenance, housekeeping, landscaping, and repair of revenue-generating assets such as the scoreboard. The proposed amendment transfers \$148,500 from a debt reserve fund, which was established under the previous lease agreement, to the Ballpark capital fund to enable the City to meet its landlord obligations under the lease.

Fire Department Ballistic Vests

- In January 2020, the Mayor and City Council approved a resolution awarding a purchase order for ballistic protective vests and helmets for the Winston-Salem Fire Department. The purchase includes 144 vests and helmets at a cost of \$787 per set for a total amount of \$113,328. In August 2019, \$98,000 in grant and local matching funds was appropriated for this equipment. The proposed amendment transfers an additional \$15,330 from the Fire Department operating budget to the grants fund to complete the purchase.