



City of Winston-Salem City Council
Council Agenda Item Summary

Title	Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Ordinances for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina
City Council Committee	Finance Committee
Meeting Date	May 11, 2026
Staff Lead (Presenter)	Scott Tesh, Budget and Performance Management Director
Department Head	Scott Tesh, Budget and Performance Management Director
City Manager/ACM	W. Patrick Pate, City Manager

Agenda Item Summary

Recommended Council Action	Ordinance Approval
Suggested Action/ Motion Options	Motion to approve the ordinance amending the FY 25-26 budget ordinances
Strategic Focus Area	Good Government
Strategic Plan Objective	GG1: Delivering Efficient and Effective Core Services
Anticipated Fiscal Impact	Fiscal Impact Anticipated: See Analysis in Summary

Summary of Information

The proposed amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget ordinance authorizes adjustments for the following purposes.

Appropriation of Grants and Other Revenues Received

- The State of North Carolina’s FY 2023-2024 budget included a Directed State Grant of \$35 million to the City of Winston-Salem for the “Midtown Economic Development Project,” now designated as “The Grounds.” Under the State grant guidelines, the City provided a sub-recipient agreement along with the scope of work. The sub-recipient agreement specified that any interest earnings were to be used for the same purposes for which the grant was made. The proposed amendment appropriates \$2 million in interest earnings to be dispersed to the developer and used for expenses related to the development of The Grounds project.
- Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) supplemental funds received from the State in prior years, currently held in the Grants Fund, were

determined to have been earned in prior years and should have been recognized in the General Fund. To comply with grant and audit requirements, the remaining funds will be transferred to the General Fund (\$67,640).

- The proposed amendment appropriates \$50,000 in operating revenues from events at Bowman Gray Stadium to cover projected expenditures through the end of the fiscal year.

Close Out of Leasing Fund

- The FY 2025-26 budget included funding to terminate the City’s internal leasing program. As a result, the proposed amendment transfers the remaining balance in the leasing fund to the debt service fund (\$13,000,000). The funds will be used to pay the debt on the installment equipment contracts that are outstanding.

General Fund Transfer for Public Assembly Facilities

- Operating revenues for the Fair and events at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds are projected to be under budget at year-end, while operating and personnel expenditures for the Carolina Classic Fair are projected to exceed budget. The proposed budget amendment appropriates an additional \$450,000 transfer from the general fund to cover net losses in the fund and appropriates \$250,000 to cover additional expenditures for the Carolina Classic Fair.

Attachments

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Committee Action	COTW 5/11/2026
For:	Against:
Remarks: Unanimous Approved	