

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: November 12, 2019

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 2019-20 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 2019-20 budget ordinances authorize adjustments for the following purposes.

Appropriation of Grants and Other Revenues Received

- The Police Department has received additional state controlled substance tax receipts from the Office of the State Auditor totaling \$50,490. These funds would be used to purchase equipment.

- The Winston-Salem Transit Authority has been awarded a Surface Transportation Program – Direct Attributable grant of \$1.0 million from the Federal Transit Administration for the purchase of replacement buses. The grant covers 80% of the cost of the buses with the City providing 20% in matching funds (\$200,000). The proposed amendment appropriates the full grant amount of \$1.0 million, with the City’s match provided from the Winston-Salem Transit Authority Fund.

Committee Action:

Committee	Finance 11/12/19	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	
Remarks:			

- The amount of FY 2018-19 program income generated from the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds exceeded budgeted estimates by \$176,782.60 and \$257,569.47, respectively. The proposed amendment appropriates the additional program income from CDBG funds for homeowner rehabilitation, public service, administration, and community development initiatives and the HOME funds for single-family housing production.

Capital Improvements to the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds

- Per the contract with the ride operator for the Dixie Classic Fair, Strates Shows, Inc. reimburses the city for agreed upon improvements completed prior to the start of the fair. Leading up to the 2019 event, the high mass LED lighting on the midway was retrofitted, and electric service was set up to the Strates Shows, Inc. office. The proposed amendment appropriates \$44,900 for the reimbursement from Strates Shows, Inc. for these improvements.

Allocation of Revitalizing Urban Commercial Area (RUCA) Funds

- In October 2019, the Mayor and City Council approved resolutions authorizing the allocation of Revitalizing Urban Commercial Area (RUCA) funds for projects in the Waughtown/Thomasville area (\$208,000) and for a project in the West Salem area (\$735,130). Funding for the projects is comprised of previously allocated RUCA projects with remaining balances, and unallocated RUCA funds from the 2014 General Obligation Bond Referendum. The proposed amendment transfers the funds for these projects.