

## City Council – Action Request Form

**Date:** January 10, 2022

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

**From:** Scott Tesh, Budget and Performance Management Director

**Council Action Requested:**

Ordinance 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**

- The Police Department has received additional federal forfeiture funds from the United States Department of Justice totaling \$2,600, from the United States Department of Treasury totaling \$11,720, and additional state controlled substance tax receipts from the Office of the State Auditor totaling \$128,300. These funds would be used for officer training (\$2,600) and for the purchase of equipment (\$140,020). Future equipment purchases could include items such as safety gear, surveillance equipment, computer software and hardware, and other IT needs.

**Committee Action:**

<b>Committee</b>	<u>Finance 1/10/22</u>	<b>Action</b>	<u>Approval</u>
<b>For</b>	<u>Unanimous</u>	<b>Against</b>	<u></u>

**Remarks:**

- To address state revenue shortfalls due to the COVID-19 pandemic in FY 2021-22, the State of North Carolina zeroed out funding for the State Maintenance Assistance Program (SMAP), which has historically provided over \$1 million in revenue each year to the Winston-Salem Transit Authority. In December 2021, the State restored these revenues and allocated \$1,168,140 to the Winston-Salem Transit Authority. The grant funds can be used for operating expenses such as driver salaries and fuel. The proposed amendment appropriates these funds to cover expenditures included in the adopted budget.

### **Capital Improvements at Bowman Gray Stadium**

- The proposed amendment appropriates \$12,200 for facility improvements and maintenance priorities at Bowman Gray Stadium. The improvements and maintenance priorities include flooring work at the field house. These improvements would be provided from a capital reserve that is jointly funded by the City and Winston-Salem State University under the Stadium and Field House lease agreement.

### **COVID-19 Mitigation in Public Facilities**

- The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic requires additional equipment and facility modifications to mitigate public health risks in public facilities. The proposed amendment appropriates \$200,000 in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act for this purpose.

### **COVID-19 Vaccine Incentive Payments**

- In October 2021, the Mayor and City Council approved a resolution authorizing incentive payments to employees that are vaccinated against COVID-19. The proposed amendment appropriates \$372,500 from the American Rescue Plan fund to cover a portion of these payments. The remaining \$1,445,500 for the incentive payments will be paid from the Health Benefits Fund.