

# Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35USDOT-FMCSA-2020

## **SUBJECT**

Ratify Application for, and Authorize Acceptance of, if Awarded, the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Fiscal Year 2020 High Priority Commercial Motor Vehicle Grant Program in an Amount up to \$717,373.00. Authorize Execution of Related Grant Agreement, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Ratify application for, and Authorize Acceptance of, if Awarded, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) High Priority Commercial Motor Vehicle Grant for Fiscal Year 2020 in an amount of up to \$717,373.00;
  2. Authorize the execution of a grant agreement with the USDOT, FMCSA for Fiscal Year 2020 High Priority Commercial Motor Vehicle Grant; and
  3. Adopt the attached Appropriation Ordinance increasing receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Federal Fund in an amount up to \$717,373.00.
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## **DISCUSSION:**

The U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) FY 2020 High Priority Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Grant supports innovative and impactful projects to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving large trucks and buses. Funding supports enforcement projects that improve safety and compliance with FMCSA's regulations that are national in scope, increase public awareness and education, demonstrate new technologies, and reduce the number/rate of CMV crashes. The FMCSA High Priority CMV Grant will pay for overtime hours of officers participating in the program, training, vehicle inspections, safety education, and outreach. A local match of at least 15 percent is required.

The FMCSA High Priority CMV Grant activities will include vehicle inspections using 4,480 personnel hours to ensure drivers and vehicles are safe to be on the roads with an additional 1,920 personnel hours devoted to implementation of the Ticketing Aggressive Cars and Trucks (TACT) program; conduct a mass public outreach initiative to increase awareness of safe driving practices for CMV and non-CMV drivers with topics such as hazardous materials transportation, passenger transportation, and safety initiatives; and at least 50 problematic carriers, CMV drivers, or motor coach/bus drivers will participate in the Fort Worth Police Department - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit's Carrier Safety Education Program. The total proposed direct program amount is \$717,373.00. The match requirement of \$113,086.00 will be fulfilled by in-kind supervision regular time and fringe benefits. Grant funds will be budgeted for overtime enforcement details and associated fringe benefits, inspection details, public outreach activities, electronic message boards, training and travel, vehicle inspection uniforms, and 48 hours for grant administration.

Acceptance of this grant may occur during the current fiscal year. Funds in the amount of \$26,348.00 is requested from USDOT FMCSA to cover indirect costs.

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A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: Federal, U.S. Department of Transportation

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## **FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations, receipt of the grant and adoption of the attached Appropriation Ordinance, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, of the Grants Operating Federal Fund. The Police Department will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. The Police Department will be responsible for verifying availability of funds before incurring any obligation. If awarded, the City will be paid on a reimbursement basis.

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