

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 09/12/23

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 23-0724

**LOG NAME:** 17UNTHSC BACFY24

## **SUBJECT**

(CD 8) Authorize Execution of Agreement with the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth to Accept Funding in the Amount Up to \$450,000.00 from the State of Texas for Operations of the Devoyd Jennings Business Assistance Center as Well as Renovations and Upkeep of Buildings on the Guinn Elementary School Campus, Authorize Use of Interest in the Amount Up to \$5,000.00 and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the execution of an agreement with the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth to accept and receive funding from the State of Texas in an amount up to \$450,000.00 during the State's Fiscal Year 2024 for operation of the Devoyd Jennings Business Assistance Center as well as renovations and upkeep of buildings on the James E. Guinn School campus;
  2. Authorize the use of interest earnings in an amount up to \$5,000.00 for the purpose of the award; and
  3. Adopt attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Other Fund, subject to receipt of the funds, in an amount up to \$455,000.00 for the purpose of funding operations of the Devoyd Jennings Business Assistance Center as well as renovations and upkeep of the James E. Guinn School campus.
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## **DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to execute an agreement with the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth (UNTHSC) to accept and receive funding from the State of Texas in an amount up to \$450,000.00 during the State's Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. This M&C also authorizes the use of interest earnings in an amount up to \$5,000.00 for a total amount of \$455,000.00 to be appropriated in the Grants Operating Other Fund for operation of the Fort Worth Business Assistance Center as well as renovations and upkeep of buildings on the James E. Guinn School Campus.

Beginning with the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas (2005), the State's Biennial General Appropriations Act has appropriated the amount of \$3.1 million to the UNTHSC for joint economic development and technology commercialization activities of UNTHSC, TECH Fort Worth and the City of Fort Worth (City) for renovations at the James E. Guinn School Campus and Business Assistance Center operations.

In the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas during its regular session as part of Senate Bill (S.B.) 1 (General Appropriations Act for the 2024-2025 Biennium), the State approved funding in the amount of \$2,913,082.00 for the partnership between the City and UNTHSC for the two years beginning September 1, 2023. Of this grant, the amount of \$2,013,082.00 has been appropriated to UNTHSC and TECH Fort Worth and the remaining amount of up to \$900,000.00 is allocated to the City during this biennium to be received in two installments. During the biennium the City will receive up to \$450,000.00 during FY2024 and up to \$450,000.00 in FY2025.

These funds will be used to administer the operations of the Devoyd Jennings Business Assistance Center (BAC), including four positions in the Economic Development Department, and programming with other partners housed at the historic James E. Guinn Campus.

The Guinn School property is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 8.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: University of North Texas Health Science Center

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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 for operation will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, of the Grants Operating Fund. The Economic Development Department (and Financial Management Services) will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, Economic Development has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is an advance grant.

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