

# Mayor and Council Communication

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## **SUBJECT**

(ALL) Authorize Acceptance of Additional Grant Funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs in an Amount Up to \$2,180,000.00 for the 2023 Department of Energy Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Weatherization Assistance Program to Provide Assistance for Low to Moderate Income Residents to Lower Home Energy Costs through the City of Fort Worth Weatherization Assistance Program, Authorize Execution of Related Contracts, Authorize an Increase in the City's Home Repair Program Contract Authority by \$1,416,792.00 to Help Facilitate the Administration of the Grant, Waive Indirect Costs of \$48,172.45 and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the acceptance of additional grant funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs in an amount up to \$2,180,000.00 from the 2023 Department of Energy Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Weatherization Assistance Program;
  2. Authorize the execution of related contracts, including any renewals, amendments and extensions, with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the grant funds;
  3. Authorize an increase in the City's Home Repair Program contract authority by \$1,416,792.00, resulting in a total five-year (Fiscal Years 2024-2029) contract authority of \$46,204,292.00, to facilitate administration of the grant;
  4. Waive indirect costs of \$48,172.45; and
  5. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Federal Fund in an amount up to \$1,416,792.00, for the purpose of funding the 2023 Department of Energy Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Weatherization Assistance Program (City Project No. 105203)
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## **DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize acceptance of additional grant funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) from the 2023 Department of Energy Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Weatherization Assistance Program (DOE BIL WAP). These grant funds will be used to assist with weatherization and energy efficiency efforts in the homes of low-income individuals in the City of Fort Worth (City) and Tarrant County.

On 10/17/2023 (M&C 23-0870), the City Council approved the acceptance of a grant from TDHCA from the 2023 DOE BIL WAP for an amount up to \$1,464,757.00. In 2024, TDHCA informed the City that additional funding was available for this grant, so on 3/26/2024 (M&C 24-0239), the City Council approved the acceptance of a grant from TDHCA from the 2023 DOE BIL WAP for an amount up to \$1,500,000.00, however the City only received \$736,792.00. TDHCA has informed the City once again that additional funding will be available to DOE BIL WAP for an amount up to \$2,180,000.00, bringing the total amount of grant funds to \$4,381,549.00.

The Neighborhood Services Department currently has \$2,964,757.00 appropriated for funds from this source and is now asking for an additional \$1,416,792.00 to be appropriated.

The DOE BIL WAP program's goals are to enhance and provide innovation to existing weatherization programs by leveraging resources and performing energy retrofits of low-income residential buildings. TDHCA's DOE BIL WAP funds will be administered within existing Weatherization Assistance Program standards and guidelines, and through existing contracts with subcontractors. All subcontractors performing any eligible services for the City will not be paid until work is inspected and approved by Neighborhood Services Department staff.

A waiver by the City of indirect costs will maximize program benefits. Grant funds support administrative and program delivery allocations for 3.25 full-time employee positions in the Neighborhood Services Department's indirect costs totaling an estimated \$48,172.45, calculated by taking wages & salaries designated for this grant of approximately \$356,833.00 multiplied by the Neighborhood Service Departments' indirect cost rate of 13.50% defined in the City's most recent Cost Allocation Plan from 2023, could be charged to this grant. A waiver of these indirect costs is requested to allow allocation of these funds to further support the programs and services to assist "low-to-moderate" income citizens.

Positions funded with DOE BIL WAP grant funds are subject to grant availability. In the event of a grant award being decreased or eliminated, Neighborhood Services Department would review programs and services funded by the grants and determine a level of service and staffing that aligns with the available funding. Alternatives to consider may include staff and program reductions or eliminations.

No matching funds are required from the City for 2023 Department of Energy Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Weatherization Assistance Program.

This program services ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations, and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, in the Grants Operating Federal Fund. Neighborhood Services (and Financial Management Services) will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to expenditures being incurred, Neighborhood Services Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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