

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 36UNT HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER GRANTS

SUBJECT

(ALL) Ratify Application for and Authorize the Acceptance of Two Federal Grants Subawards and One State Pass-Through Award, Authorize the Execution of Agreements with University North Texas Health Science Center for the National Library of Medicine Grant in the Amount Up to \$1800.00, the Texas Opioid Settlement Grant in the Amount Up to \$15,000.00, and the Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program in the Amount Up to of \$25,000.00 to Support Training and Intervention Programs for the Fire Department Personnel and Adopt Appropriation Ordinances

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize acceptance of two federal grant subawards and one state pass-through grant award from the University of North Texas Health Science Center for the National Library of Medicine Grant in the amount up to \$1,800.00, the Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program in the amount of \$25,000.00, and the Texas Opioid Settlement Grant in the amount up to \$15,000.00;
 2. Authorize execution of grant agreements and amendments, including the ability to adjust the grant amounts in such agreements;
 3. Authorize the execution of an agreement with University of North Texas Health Science Center pass-through from the Department of Health and Human Services, in the amount up to of \$1,800.00 to provide a one-year, non-recurring grant supporting Community Health Worker curriculum review activities, with participant compensation at a rate of \$50.00 per hour for up to 12 hours per participant, and authorize final invoicing prior to the grant end date of April 30, 2026;
 4. Authorize the execution of an agreement with the University of North Texas Health Science Center pass-through from the State of Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council, within the amount up to \$15,000.00 to provide funding initiatives designed to improve engagement and outcomes for patients with opioid use disorder;
 5. Authorize the execution of a subaward agreement with University of North Texas Health Science Center pass-through from the Department of Health and Human Services, in the amount up to \$25,000.00 to provide delivery of age-and dementia-friendly training for Fort Worth Fire Department personnel;
 6. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Federal Fund in an amount up to (1) \$25,000.00 for the purpose of a subaward through University of North Texas Health Science Center Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program supporting the development and delivery of age-and dementia-friendly training for Fort Worth Fire Department personnel, including at least 85 Emergency Medical Technicians and paramedics and 20 Mobile Integrated Healthcare Community Paramedics; and in an amount up to (2) \$1,800.00 for the purpose of a one-year, non-recurring grant supporting Community Health Worker curriculum review activities, with participant compensation at a rate of \$50.00 per hour for up to 12 hours per participant; and
 7. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating State Fund in an amount up to \$15,000.00 for the purpose of funding initiatives designed to improve engagement and outcomes for patients with opioid use disorder.
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DISCUSSION:

The Fort Worth Fire Department is partnering with the University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC) on multiple grant-funded initiatives aimed at enhancing training, improving patient outcomes, and expanding services for vulnerable populations, including individuals with opioid use disorder and older adults experiencing cognitive decline. As part of these efforts, the City will receive funding through three separate grant-supported projects. The Fort Worth Fire Department is a subrecipient under the Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP) grant; however, for the National Library of Medicine Grant (NLM) and Opioid grants, the department is providing services to UNTHSC on a fee-for-service basis rather than serving as a sub-awardee.

National Library of Medicine Grant (NLM)

The first is a one-year, non-recurring grant supporting Community Health Worker (CHW) curriculum review activities. This grant is federally funded by the Department of Health and Human Services, Assisting Listing Number 93.879. Under this grant, three participants contributed to the review of curriculum materials for the Health Science Center and were compensated at a rate of \$50.00 per hour for up to 12 hours each. All work under this grant has been completed, and final invoicing must be submitted prior to the grant end date of April 30, 2026. This is a reimbursement grant.

Texas Opioid Settlement Grant

The second initiative is funded through a \$15,000.00 grant awarded to UNTHSC by the City of Fort Worth to support opioid response efforts. This grant is state-funded by the State of Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Opioid Abatement Fund Council, as a Community-Based Opioid Recovery Efforts Program. Through this partnership, the Fort Worth Fire Department will deliver Motivational Interviewing (MI) training to approximately 50 Fire Department personnel and pilot the Nurturing Futures program. These efforts are designed to improve engagement and outcomes for patients with opioid use disorder. Training sessions are scheduled for May 4 and May 11, 2026. Project coordination includes development of training materials, participant registration, and collaboration with UNTHSC on program implementation. This is an advanced

grant.

Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP)

The third initiative is a \$25,000.00 subaward through UNTHSC's GWEP, federally funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), through the Department of Health and Human Services, Assisting Listing Number 93.969. This program supports the development and delivery of age-and dementia-friendly training for Fort Worth Fire Department personnel, including at least 85 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) and paramedics and 20 Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) Community Paramedics. The goal of this initiative is to improve early detection of dementia and enhance the quality of care provided to older adults, particularly in underserved communities.

Funding from the GWEP subaward will support staff time for training development, coordination, implementation, and evaluation. Project personnel will participate in monthly meetings, contribute to required HRSA reporting, and submit trainee and invoicing data to UNTHSC on a quarterly and annual basis. The contract for this program has been executed, and development of online training modules is currently underway. This is a reimbursement grant.

Summary

Collectively, these initiatives align with the City of Fort Worth's strategic priorities to enhance public health, strengthen community partnerships, and improve service delivery for high-need populations.

Upon acceptance of the NLM Grant, all work under this grant has been completed, and final invoicing must be submitted prior to the grant end date of April 30, 2026.

No local match is required for these funded activities. Indirect costs are not allowed under the terms of these agreements. There is no grant application repository number, as the Fire Department did not apply for this grant.

This will support ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: Federal and State. Federal: US DHHS and HRSA. State: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinances, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, in the Grants Operating Federal Fund and Grants Operating State Fund. The Fire 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, the Fire Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. These are reimbursement and advance grants.

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