

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 10/19/21

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 21-0815

LOG NAME: 19NS FUND FOR VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANTS 2021-2022

SUBJECT

(ALL) Ratify Application for, and Acceptance of, a General Assistance Grant from the Texas Veterans Commission in the Total Amount of \$300,000.00 for Assistance to Veterans with Security Deposits, Rent, Mortgage, and Utilities; Approve Execution of Applicable Grant Contracts; Adopt Attached Appropriation Ordinance; and Authorize Waiver of Indirect Costs

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Ratify the application to the Texas Veterans Commission for a General Veterans Assistance Grant in the amount of \$300,000.00;
 2. Authorize the execution of all applicable contracts;
 3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating State Fund, subject to receipt of the grant, in the amount of \$300,000.00, for the purpose of funding the General Assistance Grant from the Texas Veterans Commission; and
 4. Authorize a waiver of the Neighborhood Services Department indirect cost rate of 18.73%, estimated total of \$5,267.00.
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DISCUSSION:

A grant application to the Texas Veterans Commission was submitted for activities that will benefit veterans in the City Fort Worth (City) and Tarrant County.

The Forward Home Veteran Assistance Program (Forward Home) funded by the General Assistance Grant will provide emergency financial assistance such as security deposits, rental/mortgage and utility payments that are short-term and temporary in nature. The grant will be administered by the Community Action Partners (CAP) section of the Neighborhood Services Department. This continued funding will enable CAP to provide additional needed services to area veterans.

During the current grant period up to June 30, 2021, the Forward Home grant served 180 veterans or veteran family members with an average of \$1,376.01 per person. These funds were used to stabilize veteran households, preventing homelessness. The new grant will begin July 1, 2021 and end on June 30, 2022.

In the City's most recent Cost Allocation Plan, the indirect cost rate is 18.73% for the Neighborhood Services Department. A waiver by the City of indirect costs of approximately \$5,267.00 will maximize program benefits to veterans and surviving spouses.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: Texas Veterans Commission

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 State Fund. The Neighborhood Services 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 Neighborhood Services Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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