

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 04FY2020 ITS TC911

SUBJECT

Authorize Acceptance of Funds from Tarrant County 9-1-1 District in the Amount of \$663,877.00 for the Fiscal Year 2020 Radio Assistance Program and Adopt Appropriation Ordinances (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the acceptance of funds from Tarrant County 9-1-1 District in the amount of \$663,877.00 for the Fiscal Year 2020 Radio Assistance Program;
 2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the General Fund in the amount of \$663,877.00, from available funds, to provide funding via transfer to the General Debt Service Fund and ITS Capital Fund;
 3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts in the General Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$193,025.00 for the purpose of funding qualifying expenses related to the Public Safety Radio System Upgrades; and
 4. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the ITS Capital Fund in the amount of \$470,852.00 for the purpose of funding the Technology Infrastructure Programmable Project (P00038).
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DISCUSSION:

The Tarrant County 9-1-1 District (TC911) Radio Assistance Program reimburses applicants for qualifying expenses related to public safety radio system upgrades. This program requires applicants to demonstrate that they have an interoperability plan utilizing the Department of Homeland Security guidelines and each applicant must certify that its request improves the ability to communicate with neighboring jurisdictions. All approved expenses must facilitate regional communications interoperability. Staff submitted a reimbursement application in FY2020 which was approved by the District's Board of Managers.

In recommendations one through four, ITS recommends the \$663,877.00 be deposited into the General Fund \$193,025.00 to be transferred to the General Debt Service Fund to be used to pay debt service for the 2012 Certificate of Obligation issue for the Telecommunication Systems, and \$470,852.00 to be transferred to the ITS Capital Fund to be used to pay for infrastructure needs in the IT Capital program.

The Infrastructure programmable within the ITS Capital Fund funds the departments' requests for the collection of hardware, network and system implementations to develop, test, operate, monitor, manage and support information technology services. The funding allows for the maintaining and improving of the City's core technical infrastructure. The computing environment is highly centralized leveraging a share infrastructure. The shared infrastructure takes advantage of economies of scale and efficiencies of resource consolidation to provide cost effective computing for Departments. The major City's core technical infrastructure includes network equipment, servers, backup and recovery systems, and security hardware.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

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 deposited into the General Fund and transferred to the General Debt Service Fund and ITS Capital Fund as appropriated. The Information Technology Solutions Department and Financial Management Services is responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City and prior to any expenditure being incurred, the ITS department also has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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