

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

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SUBJECT

(ALL) Adopt Appropriation Ordinance Increasing Estimated Receipts and Appropriations in the Grants Operating Other Fund in the Amount Up to \$650,000.00 for Payments to the Police Department from the State of Texas Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education Account

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Other Fund in the amount up to \$650,000.00, subject to the receipt of funds, for payments to the Police Department from the State of Texas Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education account.

DISCUSSION:

The Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education Fund (LEOSE) is an account in the State Treasury funded through court costs collected in criminal cases. The Comptroller of Public Accounts is directed, under the Texas Occupations Code, Section 1701.157, to make allocations from the LEOSE account to qualified law enforcement agencies. Under the Texas Occupations Code, 20% of the appropriated amount is distributed to all participating agencies in equal shares, and 80% is distributed based on the number of qualifying officers at each entity. Participating agencies must use the funds to provide continuing education for law enforcement officers and supporting personnel in the agency.

This Mayor & Council Communication (M&C) will increase the Grants Operating Other Fund by \$650,000.00 in allocations and an anticipated \$650,000.00 in offsetting revenues for expenses and revenues related to LEOSE payments. The estimated increase in allocations in LEOSE projects is \$650,000.00 (approximately \$130,000.00 per year for 5 years) for the Police Department. The Police Department's previous years' respective allocations have averaged approximately \$130,000.00 annually. The respective Department will be responsible for the oversight and management of the funds received. The payments are received in advance of any related expenditures. If the funds are not fully spent during the allotment years, remaining funds will roll-over into future allotments.

The LEOSE allocation serves ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

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 recommendation and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, in the Grants Operating Other Fund. The Police 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 Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is an advance grant.

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