

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 06/24/25

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 25-0568

LOG NAME: 08SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL GRANT APPLICATION

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Application for and Acceptance of Federal Funds and, if Awarded, Authorize Execution of the Safe Streets and Roads for All Planning and Demonstration Grant from the United States Department of Transportation in an Amount Up to \$1,200,000.00 for the Development of an Updated Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan, Authorize Execution of Related Grant Agreement, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinances

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize application for and acceptance of federal funds and, if awarded, acceptance of the Federal Grant Agreement with the United States Department of Transportation for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Planning and Demonstration Grant in an amount up to \$1,200,000.00;
2. Authorize the execution of a grant agreement with the United States Department of Transportation for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Planning and Demonstration Grant;
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Federal Fund, subject to the receipt of the grant, in an amount up to \$1,200,000.00 for the purposes of updating the City's Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan project; and
4. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance reallocating appropriations in the General Fund by decreasing the Non-Departmental budget by \$300,000.00 and increasing Diversity and Inclusion General Fund budget in the same amount for a grant match, as a transfer from the non-departmental budget that are included in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor & Council Communication (M&C) is to:

1. Authorize application for and acceptance of federal funds and, if awarded, authorize acceptance of the Federal Grant Agreement with the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning and Demonstration Grant in the amount up to \$1,200,000.00;
2. Authorize the execution of a grant agreement with US DOT; and
3. Authorize the adoption of the appropriation ordinances to accept federal grant funds for the project.

The Diversity & Inclusion (DVIN) Department plans to apply for the SS4A Grant through the US DOT on or about June 26, 2025. The SS4A is a reimbursement-based program requiring a 20% local match. The City match will come from Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 funds. The SS4A Grant is part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill and funds Planning and Demonstration Grants to local government agencies to develop, enhance, or update a comprehensive safety action plan. The City needs to update its 1992 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan. This ADA Plan meets the definition of a comprehensive safety plan under the Grant, and the application will request funding to update the plan.

The SS4A matching grant, if awarded, will allow the City to complete the following next steps after the acceptance of the ADA Compliance Plan towards an updated City of Fort Worth ADA Transition Plan:

1. Finalize the prioritized list of programs, services, activities, and facilities to be evaluated in the first phase of the Self-Evaluation. Phase 1 will begin in fiscal year 2026 with a \$1.5M budget to begin evaluations and develop a Transition Plan.
2. Complete a Self-Evaluation for all City programs, services, activities, and facilities. Facility evaluations should include the following: (a) facility reports with the compliance status of each element evaluated based on the applicable ADA Standards and Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG); (b) possible solutions to remove any barriers and bring the element into compliance; (c) conceptual budget estimates to implement each possible solution; and (d) prioritization of the individual facility or element, independent of other facilities or elements of the same type, so that severity of non-compliance can be compared.
3. Develop an Implementation Plan, including a schedule for completing the recommended facility improvements and funding sources to be used.
4. Update the City's Accessibility & Accommodations webpage (<https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/diversity-inclusion/accessibility-accommodations>) to clearly document the City's efforts toward ADA compliance.
5. Complete the remaining Self-Evaluation phases and update the City's ADA Transition Plan after each additional phase.
6. Continue to update the City's ADA Transition Plan as projects are implemented and citizen requests/complaints are received and addressed. At a minimum, the ADA Transition Plan will be updated every three to four years.
7. Determine the best approach for receiving public input on the Self-Evaluation and ADA Transition Plan.

Appropriations for the Grants Operating Federal Fund are depicted below:

Fund	Amount
21001-Grants Operating Federal	\$1,200,000.00

Funding will be budgeted in the Grants Operating Federal Fund, subject to the receipt of the grant, for the purposes of funding the US DOT SS4A Planning and Demonstration Grant project. Funds will be available in the Fiscal Year 2025 operating budget, as appropriated for the City match. If the US DOT SS4A grant funds are not received, DVIN will be responsible for all costs incurred. Since City salaries will be charged, indirect cost recovery does apply.

Should match funding not be identified, the grant award would not be accepted. Since no City salaries will be charged, indirect cost recovery does not apply. The Grant Application Repository number is GRNT-APPL-0000000139.

DVIN Department staff will initiate the procurement of contractor services to complete the SS4A Grant Project. The SS4A Grant Project is expected to begin in Quarter 1 2026 and be completed by Quarter 1 2027.

The project impacts 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: United States Department of Transportation

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. The Diversity and Inclusion 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, Diversity and Inclusion has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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