City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 09/17/24 **M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 24-0789

LOG NAME: 84DONATION FROM LIBRARY FOUNDATION, 2024

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Acceptance of a Donation in the Amount of $100,000.00 from The Fort Worth Public Library Foundation for the Library Department to Purchase and Customize a New Vehicle to Support Library Services in the Community

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize acceptance of a monetary donation in the amount of $100,000.00 from The Fort Worth Public Library Foundation for the Library Department to purchase and customize a new vehicle to support library services in the community.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize acceptance of a monetary donation in the amount of $100,000.00 from The Fort Worth Public Library Foundation for the Fort Worth Public Library (Library) to purchase and customize a new vehicle. The Library will use the vehicle in fulfillment of its Strategic Service Plan goals of extending library services beyond the walls of library buildings and engaging the community. The vehicle will enable the Library to make stronger connections in the community at festivals and events, senior living facilities, daycares, apartment complexes and neighborhoods. Staff will register residents for library cards; demonstrate online resources; promote library programs; conduct science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) demonstrations; and present story times and literacy programs. The vehicle will also be equipped to provide access to hotspots and Wi-Fi connectivity. Other offerings may also include workforce development programs, various workshops and classes.

The Fort Worth Public Library Foundation (The Foundation) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that raises private donations to support the Fort Worth Public Library. Its mission is to inspire, secure, and grow philanthropic support and advocacy to benefit the Library and the diverse community. The Foundation received a generous donation in 2023 from Fort Worth Housing Solutions to support the need to take library programming into the community. The gift to the Library was made for the purchase and customization of a van or similar type vehicle for library programming.

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, funds have been deposited into the Library Special Revenue Fund. The Library Department (and Financial Management Services) is responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City.

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