

City of Fort Worth, Texas

# Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 09/30/25 M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 25-0916

LOG NAME: 12WINSTEADFEDERALFUNDINGISSUES

SUBJECT

(ALL) Adopt Resolution Retaining the Law Firm of Winstead, LLC, in an Amount Up to \$100,000.00, as Outside Counsel for Federal Funding Issues

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution approving the retention of the law firm of Winstead, LLC, in an amount up to \$100,000.00 as outside legal counsel to assist and represent the City in federal funding issues.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Fort Worth (City) requires assistance on legal matters related to federal funding, for which it is necessary to seek outside legal counsel. The City desires to retain the law firm of Winstead LLC to assist and represent the City in federal funding matters where such outside legal counsel is needed.

Due to the need for a quick turnaround, Winstead LLC provided legal assistance in advance of this Mayor and Council Communication, and this request for approval is for both legal work already accomplished as well as authorization to utilize Winstead LLC in the future if any additional assistance is needed in the dynamic changing legal landscape of federal funding.

Therefore, legal fees are requested in an amount up to \$100,000.00, for both incurred legal fees and potential future legal fees.

Funding is budgeted in the Risk Financing Fund for the Human Resources Department.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendation funds are available in the current operating budget, as previously appropriated, and upon adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget by the City Council, funds will be available in the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget, as appropriated, in the Risk Financing Fund. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Human Resources Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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