

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 06/28/22

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 22-0472

**LOG NAME:** 04TARRANT COUNTY RADIO TOWER FUNDING AGREEMENT ARPA

## **SUBJECT**

(ALL) Authorize Execution of an Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County for the City's Implementation of a Radio Transmitter Site to Expand Coverage in North Fort Worth and Tarrant County, Authorize Acceptance of American Rescue Plan Act, Subtitle M (State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) Funds from Tarrant County in the Amount of \$2,000,000.00, Adopt Attached Appropriation Ordinance, and Amend the Fiscal Years 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program (This use of ARPA funding was previously discussed and approved by Mayor and Council)

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the execution of an interlocal agreement with Tarrant County for the transfer of funds for the City's implementation of a radio transmitter site to expand coverage in north Fort Worth and northwest Tarrant County;
2. Authorize the acceptance of American Rescue Plan Act, Subtitle M (State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) funds from Tarrant County in the amount of \$2,000,000.00;
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Cap Projects Federal Fund in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 from available funds, for the purpose of funding the ITS Radio Transmit Site ARPA project (City Project No. 104155); and
4. Amend the Fiscal Years 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program

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## **DISCUSSION:**

The Fort Worth Public Safety Radio System was implemented in 2013 to provide reliable radio communications for the City of Fort Worth's (City) public safety and public works departments. The system was designed to provide coverage primarily for use inside the Fort Worth city limits with provisions made to accommodate growth for the next few years.

During the last nine years, considerable City development and expansion has occurred, particularly in north Fort Worth and northwest Tarrant County. To accommodate this growth and to support the expanded City services that have resulted, radio coverage must be extended by the implementation of an additional radio transmission site and tower. Total cost of this site is estimated at just over seven million dollars (\$7,000,000.00).

In addition to expanding coverage for the City, the new tower site will also increase coverage in unincorporated areas of Tarrant County. As a result, the Tarrant County Commissioners Court in February 2022 approved the allocation of two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) from its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to be reimbursed to the City against expenses incurred for the acquisition and construction of the new radio site.

The interlocal agreement provides for the contribution of funds by the County to the City, and commits the City to utilizing the funds prior to December 31, 2026, as required by ARPA. Ownership of any components or services acquired by these funds will be retained by the City.

The purpose of this Mayor & Council Communication is to accept the Tarrant County appropriation and initiate the acquisition phase of the project. Funding for the future phases will be determined at a later date.

Funding for this project was not included in the Fiscal Years 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program. The action in this M&C will amend the Fiscal Years 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program as approved in connection with Ordinance 25073-09-2021.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: Tarrant County

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## **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 Cap Projects Federal Fund. The Information Technology Solutions 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 Information Technology Solutions Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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