

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 05/12/26

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 26-0373

LOG NAME: 20SE DOWNTOWN TRANSIT OPERATIONS & ST DESIGN GRANT ACCEPTANCE

SUBJECT

(CD 9) Ratify Application for and Accept Grant Award, Authorize Execution of Community Project Funding Grant Documents with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Southeast Downtown Transit Operations and Street Design Grant in an Amount of \$4,000,000.00, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Ratify application for and accept award of the Community Project Funding Grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Southeast Downtown Transit Operations and Street Design project, in the amount of \$4,000,000.00;
 2. Authorize the execution of the related grant agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and;
 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 \$4,000,000.00 for the purpose of planning and design for transit operations and streetscape improvements in the southeast section of downtown Fort Worth.
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DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize execution of a grant agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the amount up to \$4,000,000.00, which will be utilized to complete the full design for transit operations and streetscape improvements in the southeast section of Downtown Fort Worth.

At the recommendation of then-Representative Kay Granger, the City of Fort Worth applied for and was awarded a \$4,000,000.00 fiscal year 2024 Community Project Funding Grant as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024, enacted by the United States Congress. The grant is for transit infrastructure projects. The grant is administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The scope of the project will provide planning and design for the future build-out of our transit system in the downtown area, taking into account High Speed Rail, the Convention Center, Butler Place, TexRail, TRE, Amtrak, the freight railway network, high-capacity transit downtown, and High-Speed Rail underground box. The scope of the project design will also involve environmental clearance and designs for bus and bike lane infrastructure, signage, enhanced traffic signals, lighting fiber technology, streetscaping, and on-street parking along segments of Lancaster Avenue, Jones Street, Calhoun Street, and the Intersecting segments of 6th to 19th streets between Jones and Commerce Street. Separate funding will need to be secured for the project's construction.

Appropriations for the Grants Operating Federal Fund are depicted below:

Fund	Amount
21001 Federal Grants Fund	\$4,000,000.00

This grant has been entered into the grant repository with log number GRNT-APPL-0000000092

City employees will charge time worked to the project as incurred, and indirect cost recovery will apply at a rate yet to be determined. This is a reimbursement grant.

This project is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 9.

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 Housing and Urban Development

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 Transportation & Public Works 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 Transportation & Public Works Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a

reimbursement grant.

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