

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 09/24/19

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 19-0190

LOG NAME: 35POLICE GRANTS FY20 APPROPRIATION

SUBJECT

Adopt Ordinance Increasing Receipts and Appropriations in Identified Projects in the Grants Operating Federal Fund in a Total Amount of \$2,562,461.00 For Fort Worth Police Department Grants for Fiscal Year 2020 (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached Ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the identified projects within the Grants Operating Federal Fund in the specified amounts, with all such amounts subject to award of grant and receipt of funds;

Project	Amount
1. 2019 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants	\$250,000
2. 2019 DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program	\$316,909
3. U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crime, Law Enforcement-Based Victim Specialist	\$209,126
4. Texas Department of Transportation STEP Comprehensive Grant	\$231,252
5. Texas Department of Transportation STEP Commercial Motor Vehicle	\$62,502
6. Texas Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, General Victim Assistance Direct Services	\$348,745
7. U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, High Priority Grant	\$662,966
8. U.S. Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant	\$480,961

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to appropriate grant funds that are anticipated to be received during fiscal year 2020. The application deadlines for these grants have already passed; however the award period will not begin until the new fiscal year begins.

The chart below reflects the name of the grant, the anticipated amount of award, the status of City Council Authorization for each and match requirement.

Title	Amount	Authorization M&C / Resolution	Match	Indirect Budgeted
1. Coverdell	\$250,000	Pending	Not required	N/A
2. DNA Capacity	\$316,909	C-29142	Not required	N/A
3. LE Victim Specialist	\$209,126	Pending	Not required	Yes
4. TxDOT STEP	\$231,252	C-29009	Yes, Asset Forfeiture Fund	Yes
5. TxDOT CMV	\$62,502	C-29008	Yes, Asset Forfeiture Fund	Yes
6. VOCA	\$348,745	M&C 19-0132	Yes, Operating Budget - existing staff	Yes
7. High Priority	\$662,966	C-29088	Yes, Operating Budget - existing staff	N/A
8. JAG FY19	\$480,961	C-29151	Not Required	N/A

Historically, staff often waited until after a grant was awarded to request authority to apply and seek appropriation of the funds in question. At the recommendation of the Grants Accounting Division, staff plans to employ a more pro-active approach going forward and seeking appropriation of anticipated award at the same time authority to apply for the grant is being requested. This M&C serves as clean up for grants that are currently pending receipt of award. Because the City's Grant Funds are considered life of project appropriations that are encumbered until the individual projects are completed, these appropriations will automatically roll forward to subsequent fiscal years without further action being required.

ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS

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 recommendations, receipt of the grant and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, of the Grants Operating Federal Fund. The Police Department is responsible for the collection of funds due to the City. Prior to an expenditure being made, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. These are reimbursement grants.

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