

# Mayor and Council Communication

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**LOG NAME:** 04FY2019 AND FY2018 UNSPEC ITS TC911

## **SUBJECT**

Authorize Acceptance of Funds from Tarrant County 9-1-1 District in the Amount of \$659,461.00 for the Fiscal Year 2019 Radio Assistance Program, Authorize Use of Tarrant County 9-1-1 District Funds in the Amount of \$450,837.00 Received in Prior Year, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinances (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the acceptance of funds from Tarrant County 9-1-1 District in the amount of \$659,461.00 for the Fiscal Year 2019 Radio Assistance Program;
  2. dopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the General Fund (10100) by \$659,461.00 for the purpose of transferring \$194,400.00 to the General Debt Service Fund (40100) and transferring \$465,061.00 to the ITS Capital Fund (30112) to Programmable P00037 and P00038 in the amounts of \$63,850.00 and \$401,211.00 respectively for projects relating to business applications and IT infrastructure;
  3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts in the General Debt Service Fund (40100) in the amount of \$194,400.00 for the purpose of funding qualifying expenses related to the Public Safety Radio System Upgrades;
  4. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the ITS Capital Fund (30112) in the Business Applications programmable (P00037) by 63,850.00 and in the Infrastructure programmable (P00038) by \$401,211.00 from available funds and increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the ITS Capital Fund (30112) in the Business Applications programmable (P00037) by 430,837.00 and in the Infrastructure programmable (P00038) by \$20,000, from available funds received from the Fiscal Year 2018 Radio Assistance Program, and decreasing appropriations in the unspecified funds by the total amount of 450,837.00.
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## **DISCUSSION:**

The Tarrant County 9-1-1 District ("TC911") Radio Assistance Program reimburses applicants for qualifying expenses related to public safety radio systems upgrades. This program requires applicants to demonstrate that they have an interoperability plan utilizing the Department of Homeland Security guidelines and each applicant must certify that its request improves the ability to communicate with neighboring jurisdictions. All approved expenses must facilitate regional communications interoperability. Staff submitted a reimbursement application in FY2018 and FY2019 which were both approved by the District's Board of Managers.

In recommendations one through four, ITS recommends the \$659,461.00 be deposited into the General Fund (10100); \$194,400 to be transferred to the General Debt Service Fund (40100) to be used to pay debt service for the 2012 Certificate of Obligation issue for the Telecommunication Systems; and \$465,061.00 to fund the Fiscal Year 2019 IT Capital Improvement Plan. This was for reimbursement received in FY2019.

The purpose of recommendation five, is to appropriate TC911 revenue received in the prior year in the ITS Capital Fund (30112) to programmable projects in the amount of \$430,837.00 within Business Applications programmable (P00037) and in the amount of \$20,000.00 within the Infrastructure programmable (P00038) and decrease the Unspecified project where the revenue currently resides by the total amount. This was for reimbursement received in FY2018 that has not been appropriated previously to a project.

The Business Applications programmable within the ITS Capital Fund (30112) funds the departments' requests for software system implementations for the execution of a plan, idea, or design to address their operational processes and to improve efficiencies. The systems include citizen facing systems as well as department specific systems. The scope of the systems either benefit the entire organization or support large departmental operations that require significant investments in resources and time.

The Infrastructure programmable within the ITS Capital Fund (30112) funds the departments' requests for the collection of hardware, network and system implementations to develop, test, operate, monitor, manage and support information technology services. The funding allows for the maintaining and improving of the City's core technical infrastructure. The computing environment is highly centralized leveraging a share infrastructure. The shared infrastructure takes advantage of economies of scale and efficiencies of resources consolidation to provide cost effective computing for Departments. The major City's core technical infrastructure includes network equipment, servers, backup and recovery systems, and security hardware.

A Form 1295 is not required for this contract because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

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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 ordinances, funds will be deposited into the General Fund and transferred to the General Debt Service Fund and ITS Capital Fund as appropriated. The Information Technology Solutions Department is responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City and prior to any expense made, the ITS department also has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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