

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 23DOE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT (FY2024)

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Application for and, if Awarded, Acceptance of an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant from the United States Department of Energy in an Amount Up to \$785,490.00 to Support Energy Efficiency and Conservation Planning and Implementation, Authorize Execution of Related Grant Agreements, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the application for and acceptance of, if awarded, an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant from the United States Department of Energy in an amount up to \$785,490.00 to support energy efficiency and conservation planning and implementation;
 2. Authorize the City Manager to execute all applicable grant contracts including renewals and amendments; and
 3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Federal Fund in an amount up to \$785,490.00, subject to receipt of the grant, for the purpose of funding energy efficiency and conservation measures.
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DISCUSSION:

The United States Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program is designed to assist local governments in implementing strategies to reduce energy use, reduce fossil fuel emissions, and improve energy efficiency.

If awarded, the City of Fort Worth (City) will use grant funds to define a plan for energy efficiency, energy conservation, and energy usage goals for the City. Where feasible, funding will also allow for energy audits on select, prioritized City-owned facilities and City-maintained energy systems. These audits can inform energy saving and cost saving decisions. In addition, funding will be allocated to support public education and outreach about energy efficiency and important related information (e.g., available tax rebates and tax credits for residents).

Since no City salaries will be charged, indirect cost recovery does not apply.

This grant does not require local matching funds.

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

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 Code Compliance 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 Code Compliance Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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