

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 04/09/24 M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 24-0294

LOG NAME: 35FY25-27 USDOT FMCSA HIGH PRIORITY CMV PROGRAM GRANT

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Application for, and Authorize Acceptance of, if Awarded, the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Fiscal Year 2025-2027 High Priority Commercial Motor Vehicle Program Grant in an Amount Up to \$1,200,000.00, Authorize Execution of Related Grant Agreement, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize application for, and authorize acceptance of, if awarded, the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Fiscal Year 2025-2027 High Priority Commercial Motor Vehicle Program Grant in an amount of up to \$1,200,000.00;
2. Authorize the execution of a grant agreement with the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration for Fiscal Year 2025-2027 High Priority Commercial Motor Vehicle Program Grant; 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 \$1,200,000.00.

DISCUSSION:

The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Fiscal Year 2025-2027 High Priority Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Program Grant supports innovative and impactful projects to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving large commercial trucks and buses. Funding supports enforcement projects that improve safety and compliance with FMCSA's regulations that are national in scope, increase public awareness and education, demonstrate new technologies, and reduce the number/rate of CMV crashes. The FMCSA High Priority Commercial Motor Vehicle Program Grant will pay for overtime hours including associated fringe, of officers participating in the program, training, vehicle inspections, safety education, vehicle inspection uniforms, and public outreach.

The FMCSA High Priority Commercial Motor Vehicle Program Grant activities will include vehicle inspections using 4,480 overtime hours to ensure drivers and vehicles are safe to be on the roads with an additional 1,920 overtime hours devoted to the implementation of the Ticketing Aggressive Cars and Trucks (TACT) program; conduct a mass public outreach initiative to increase awareness of safe driving practices for CMV and non-CMV drivers with topics such as hazardous materials, transportation, passenger transportation, and safety initiatives; and at least 50 problematic carriers, CMV drivers, or motor coach/bus drivers will participate in the Fort Worth Police Department - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit's Carrier Safety Education Program. The total proposed direct program funding is an amount up to \$1,200,000.00 over the course of 3 years. There is no match requirement. Grant funds will be used for overtime enforcement details and associated fringe benefits, inspection details, public outreach activities, training and travel, vehicle inspection uniforms, and 150 hours of grant administration.

A portion of the awarded funds will be used to cover indirect costs up to the De Minimis rate of 10%. This is a reimbursement grant.

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

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, of the Grants Operating Federal Fund. The Police Department (and Financial Management Services) will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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