

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 04FY2021 ITS TC911

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Acceptance of Funds from Tarrant County 9-1-1 District in the Amount of \$670,913.00 for the Fiscal Year 2021 Radio Assistance Program and Adopt Attached Appropriation Ordinances

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 \$670,913.00 for the Fiscal Year 2021 Radio Assistance Program;
 2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the General Fund for the purpose of transferring to the General Debt Service Fund and Information Technology Services Capital Fund in the amount of \$670,913.00;
 3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing receipts in the General Debt Service Fund transferred from the General Fund in the amount of \$186,525.00 for the purpose of funding qualifying expenses related to the Public Safety Radio System upgrades; and
 4. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing receipts and appropriations in the Information Technology Services Capital Fund transferred from the General Fund in the amount of \$484,388.00 for the purpose of funding the Technology Infrastructure programmable project (City Project No. P00038).
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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 system 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 FY2021 which was approved by the District's Board of Managers.

In recommendations one through four, Information Technology Systems Department (ITS) recommends that the \$670,913.00 be deposited into the General Fund and that \$186,525.00 be transferred to the General Debt Service Fund to be used to pay debt service for the 2012 Certificate of Obligation issue for the telecommunication systems, and \$484,388.00 be transferred to the ITS Capital Fund to be used to pay for infrastructure needs in the ITS Capital program.

The Infrastructure programmable within the ITS Capital Fund provides the funding for 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 shared infrastructure. The shared infrastructure takes advantage of economies of scale and efficiencies of resource 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 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 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 (and Financial Management Services) is responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to any expense being incurred, the Information Technology Solutions Department also has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds

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