

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 10/19/21

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 21-0818

**LOG NAME:** 19NS-SFSP PROGRAM INCOME

**SUBJECT**

(ALL) Authorize the Use of the Summer Food Service Program Funds in the Amount of \$183,082.62 to Augment Other Community Services Programs Within the Neighborhood Services Department and Adopt Attached Appropriation Ordinance

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the use of the Summer Food Service Program funds in the amount of \$183,082.62 to augment other community services programs within the Neighborhood Services Department; and
  2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Other Fund, in the amount of \$183,082.62, from repurposed funds received from the Summer Food Service program, for the purpose of funding augmentation for other community services programs within the Neighborhood Services Department.
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**DISCUSSION:**

The City of Fort Worth (City) has participated in the Summer Food Service Program through several State of Texas Departments (the last being the Texas Department of Agriculture) since 1982 whereby the City administered meals, snacks and beverages for children living in Tarrant County during the summers. In 2019, the Tarrant Area Food Bank took over the program since it was more cost-effective for the City.

Over time, the City accumulated \$172,829.71 in unused reimbursements (the difference between the amount of reimbursement earned and received and allowable costs, when reimbursement exceeds costs). These funds are held in an account that also earned interest in the amount of \$10,252.91 and accumulated for a total amount of \$183,082.62. The Summer Food Service Program final rule states, "If a sponsor does not return to participate in the Summer Food Service Program and does not operate any other Child Nutrition Programs, the sponsor is not required to return the unused reimbursement." The Texas Department of Agriculture does not determine how the Summer Food Service Program funds will be used by contracting entities that no longer participate in the Summer Food Service Program. Contracting entities are advised to follow their internal policy and procedures as to how to use the funds. The Texas Department of Agriculture does not have any reporting requirements.

The Neighborhood Services Department would like to use these funds along with other resources for its community-based activities within Tarrant County through the Community Action Partners. These activities are:

1. Utility assistance
2. Rental or mortgage assistance
3. Home repairs
4. Career assistance

A Form 1295 is not required 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 funds are available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, in the Grants Operating Federal Fund, and upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the Grants Operating Other Fund. Prior to any expenditures being incurred, the Neighborhood Services Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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