



MEMORANDUM

TO: Timothy J. Baroody, City Manager
FROM: Brenna Erford, Budget Manager
RE: Amending the FY 2021 Budget – State Funds for Police Operations
DATE: June 14, 2021 (for the June 22, 2021 Meeting)

ISSUE

Shall the City Council amend the FY 2021 budget to appropriate \$43,034 in the City Grants Fund for police recruitment and retention?

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the attached resolution, which requires one reading.

BACKGROUND

The Police Department received a \$43,034 grant from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services to support the recruitment and retention of police officers. On November 18, 2020, Governor Ralph Northam signed the state budget bill, which includes an allotment of approximately \$7.5 million from general funds to be distributed by the Department to local police departments statewide. These additional funds are to be used to promote the recruitment and retention of the most qualified local police department sworn personnel and to support the costs associated with criminal justice reform. Funds have been distributed based on the respective percentage shares of the most recent headcount of sworn law enforcement officers employed by local police agencies. This amendment appropriates those funds within the City Grants Fund. Since this resolution appropriates funds on a project basis, any funds not expended within FY 2021 will be automatically re-appropriated in FY 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT

Increases total FY 2021 appropriations in the City Grants Fund by \$43,034, to \$2,356,088. There are no local funds associated with this action.

Attachment: DCJS Letter of Award



June 22, 2021
Regular Meeting
Resolution 21-__

MOTION:

SECOND:

RE: Amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget to Appropriate State Funds for Police Recruitment and Retention in the City Grants Fund

ACTION: APPROVED: Ayes: 0; Nays: 0

The Fredericksburg City Police Department has advised City Council that there are additional state resources available to assist the department in recruitment and retention of qualified police officers.

The City Council wishes to appropriate these additional state resources on a project basis for the Fredericksburg City Police Department. Any grant funds not expended in FY 2021 will be automatically carried over into FY 2022.

Therefore, the City Council hereby resolves that the following revenues be recognized and further resolves that the following authorization and appropriations amending the FY 2021 budget be recorded:

City Grants Fund (Fund 210)

Sources:

DCJS Recruit Retain Grant Revenue	21031139 324102	\$ <u>43,034</u>
Total Sources		\$ <u>43,034</u>

Uses:

Reg S&W DCJS Recruit Retain	21031139 411010	\$ <u>20,000</u>
Advertising DCJS Recruit	21031139 436000	\$ <u>15,000</u>
Police Supplies DCJS Recruit	21031139 460100	\$ <u>6,534</u>
Subsistence & Lodge DCJS Recrt	21031139 455300	\$ <u>1,500</u>
Total Uses		\$ <u>43,034</u>

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

Clerk's Certificate

I certify that I am Clerk of Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 21-, adopted at a meeting of the City Council held June 22, 2021, at which a quorum was present and voted.

Tonya B. Lacey, MMC
Clerk of Council



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December 3, 2020

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Greetings,

On November 18, 2020, Governor Ralph Northam signed the state budget bill, which includes an allotment of approximately \$7.5 million from general funds to be distributed by the Department to local police departments statewide. These additional funds are to be used to promote the recruitment and retention of the most qualified local police department sworn personnel and to support the costs associated with criminal justice reform. Funds are to be distributed based on the respective percentage shares of the most recent headcount of sworn law enforcement officers employed by local police agencies.

The Department is making every effort to disperse these funds as soon as possible. However, we are awaiting additional information from other agencies necessary to accurately distribute the funds in accordance with the budget language. We hope to have this information within the next week and anticipate sending another update on when the funds will be distributed. Furthermore, at the end of this fiscal year, the Department will ask recipient localities to complete a survey on how these additional funds were used related to retention, recruitment, and criminal justice reform.

For any questions about the content of this letter, please contact Tracy Matthews, Law Enforcement Grants Supervisor, tracy.matthews@dcjs.virginia.gov or James Christian, K-12 School Safety and Threat Assessment Manager, james.christian@dcjs.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,


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