



Common Council

Agenda Item

Cover Sheet

MEETING DATE: April 9, 2024

- ☐ Previously Discussed Ordinance
- ☐ Proposed Development Presentation
- ☐ New Ordinance for Discussion
- ☒ Miscellaneous
- ☐ Transfer

ITEM or ORDINANCE: #3

PRESENTED BY: Caitlin Moss

- ☒ Information Attached
- ☐ Bring Paperwork from Previous Meeting
- ☐ Verbal
- ☐ No Paperwork at Time of Packets



TO: Noblesville Common Council
FROM: Caitlin Moss, Deputy Controller
SUBJECT: Quarterly Appropriation of Grant Proceeds per Resolution #RC-2-24
DATE: April 4, 2024

Under RC-2-24, the Controller is granted authority to appropriate the proceeds of grant awards received by the City if the grant award defines the eligible uses of the funds.

Additionally, RC-2-24 stipulates that the Controller must present for review a summary of all grant awards appropriated under its authority to the Common Council no later than the second Council meeting for the months of April, July, October, and December.

In accordance with the intent and in compliance with the requirements stipulated in RC-2-24, I am informing Common Council that OFA appropriated the following grant proceeds in the first quarter of 2024.

- **\$106,150 from Indiana Department of Natural Resources – Community and Urban Forestry (CUFA) Program Inflation Reduction Act**
 - Appropriated to Street (Dept 025) from USFA CUFA Grant Fund (Fund 621).
 - Federal-funded grant to cover 100% of cost of planting 147 new street trees near downtown Noblesville.
 - Grant period covers period from February 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.
 - The grant proceeds flow from the US Department of Agriculture to the Indiana DNR to the City.
 - During the term of the grant, the City will be reimbursed upon completion of the planting project.
- **\$2,366 from Hamilton County Community Foundation – City of Noblesville Christmas Fund Grant**
 - Appropriated to Christmas Celebration (Dept 101).
 - Private grant to be used for Christmas decorations for the City of Noblesville in 2024.

The City also received the following grant proceeds during the first quarter of 2024:

- **\$73,909 from Department of Treasury (via Indiana DNR) – Stony Creek Trail Grant**
 - Deposited into Stony Creek Trail Grant Fund (Fund 623).
 - Funds provided to the City from IDNR to fund 80% of construction of the Stony Creek Trail.
 - The total grant amount is \$764,635 of which \$89,450 has been received.
 - Total eligible expenditures to date total \$111,460.
- **\$273,177 from Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) – Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program**
 - Deposited into SAFER Grant Fund (Fund 625).
 - Funds provided to reimburse City for the cost of 15 firefighters' payroll during fourth quarter 2024.
 - The Fire Department will continue to submit for reimbursement quarterly in arrears.
- **\$92,164 from US Department of Housing and Urban Development – Community Development Block Grant**
 - Deposited into Mobile Community Development Block Grant Fund (Fund 611).
 - The Federal-funded grant is to be used to remove and replace sidewalks on Christian Avenue.
 - The grant proceeds flow from US HUD to Hamilton County to the City.
- **\$38,658 from Federal Highway Administration – Safe Streets and Roads for All**
 - Deposited into FHWA General Grants Fund (Fund 626).
 - The grant proceeds reimburse the City for 80% of the cost of a safety action plan, up to \$200,000.
- **\$8,210 from Indiana Local Public Health Fund (State of Indiana) – Health First Hamilton County**
 - Deposited into Fire/EMS State Grant Fund (Fund 634).
 - Lump sum received to pay for diabetes supplies and car seat program supplies.
- **\$125,000 from Indiana Economic Development Corporation – Make My Move Grant**
 - Deposited into Make My Move Grant Fund (Fund 635).
 - State-funded grant to cover 50% of the cost of recruiting 15 remote workers to relocate to Noblesville.



- **\$19,062 from National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) – Operation Pull Over Grant Program/CHIRP**
 - Deposited into General Fund (Fund 101).
 - NHTSA provides federal grant funding, under the Operation Pull Over Program for law enforcement agencies to conduct various traffic enforcement for violations of seat belt, DUI, dangerous driving, distracted driving, and school bus stop arm.
 - NHTSA sends grant money to Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, which sends it to Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs, which sends it to the City of Noblesville.

However, those grant proceeds were NOT appropriated (for spending) from a grant fund or adjusted back into a department operating budget as provided for in RC-2-24. Instead, the costs reimbursed by these grant proceeds were paid from previously appropriated funds. So, the grant proceeds will replenish the fund balance from which those payments were made.

Additionally, RC-2-24 is attached for your ready reference.

Attachment



RESOLUTION NO. RC-2-24

AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF GRANT PROCEEDS
FOR BUDGET YEAR 2024

WHEREAS, from time to time the City applies for and is awarded grant funds from Federal government, State government, or other entities supporting certain local government activities.

WHEREAS, as the City's statutory fiscal body, the Common Council has the authority to appropriate or de-appropriate monies held in Civil City funds.

WHEREAS, the proceeds from a grant award typically have specific use limitations or restrictions that substantially limit discretion in the appropriation of those funds.

WHEREAS, often times grant awards are secured to fund costs that the City has already incurred from other appropriated funds. And sometimes grant awards are secured to fund costs that have not yet been incurred from other appropriated funds.

WHEREAS, in the interest of sound fiscal management practice, executing a separate additional appropriation ordinance for each grant award is inefficient and of questionable benefit.

WHEREAS, the City's central finance office believes a more effective process is to have the City Council unilaterally authorize the appropriation of grant proceeds whenever a grant award stipulates well-defined eligible uses for the funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Common Council of the City of Noblesville, Indiana, as follows:

SECTION 1: For the 2024 budget year, the Controller is authorized to appropriate the proceeds of grant awards received by the City if the grant award defines the eligible uses of the funds in unambiguous terms.










SECTION 2: For funds appropriated under SECTION 1, the amounts must be allocated by fund, by department, and by expense series in a manner that complies with the eligible uses defined by the grant award.

SECTION 3: For grant awards that reimburse costs previously incurred from other appropriated funds, the Controller may increase appropriation amounts by fund, by department, and by expense series, as prescribed under SECTION 2, to restore the spending authority utilized for those previously incurred costs or deposit the grant proceeds into the fund from which the costs were originally incurred without appropriation.

SECTION 4: The Controller must present for review, to the Common Council, a summary of all appropriations executed under SECTION 1 no later than the second Council meeting for the months of April, July, October, and December.

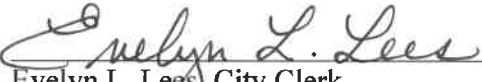
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Approved on this 9th day of January, 2024 by the Common Council of the City of Noblesville, Indiana:

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ATTEST: 
Evelyn L. Lees, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Noblesville, Indiana, this 9th day of January, 2024 at 7:30 P.M.


Evelyn L. Lees, City Clerk

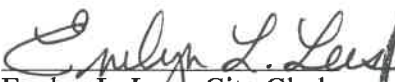

Chris Jensen, Mayor

MAYOR'S APPROVAL

1-9-24
Date

MAYOR'S VETO

Chris Jensen, Mayor

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