

2018-2019 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT: Management Services

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REQUEST: Please explain why there is no proposed dollars authorized for Innovation Team grant, but 5 positions listed in the FY 2019 proposed budget. Is this a pending grant that has yet to be awarded?

RESPONSE:

The funding for the Innovation Team grant was awarded by Bloomberg Philanthropies and was authorized on May 4, 2017 via Ordinance No. 20170504-007. The total grant award was \$1.25 million, with \$250,000 disbursed in FY 2017, \$500,000 disbursed in FY 2018, and \$500,000 disbursed in FY 2019.

The 5 new full-time grant positions are conversions from previously implemented temporary grant funded positions associated with the Innovation Office's iTeam. Since the grant funding was authorized in FY 2017, it is not recognized in the FY 2019 budget as grant awards are multi-year and budgeted entirely in the fiscal year of their start date. However, the temporary grant positions being converted to full-time grant positions are new for FY 2019, which is why they are shown with zero funding but require authorization for becoming full-time equivalents (FTEs). When the grant funds expire, these grant funded positions could be eliminated unless continuing funding is made available.