

OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL NOTE

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
DEPARTMENT:
FUND:

10/1/20
Financial Services
General Fund Emergency Reserve

SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance amending certain Fiscal Year 2020-2021 department budgets to fund the Save Austin’s Vital Economic Sectors (SAVES) Fund to support COVID-19 emergency relief as follows: the Financial Services Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20200812-001) to transfer out and appropriate \$6,000,000 to the General Fund Emergency Reserve Fund; and the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Building Services Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20200812-001) to transfer out and appropriate \$500,000 to the General Fund Emergency Reserve Fund; the Pay for Success Reserve Fund Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20200812-001) to transfer out and appropriate \$4,800,000 to the General Fund Emergency Reserve Fund; and the Austin Transportation Department Mobility Fund Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20200812-001) to transfer out and appropriate \$3,700,000 to the General Fund Emergency Reserve Fund; and declaring an emergency.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

	2020-21 Approved	This Action	2020-21 Amended
Beginning Balance	31,144,443	0	31,144,443
Total Transfers In	57,986,955	15,000,000	72,986,955
Total Transfers Out	0	0	0
Total Requirements	0	15,000,000	15,000,000
Excess (Deficiency) of Total Available Over Total Requirements	57,986,955	0	57,986,955
Ending Balance	89,131,398	0	89,131,398

FIVE-YEAR ESTIMATED IMPACT:

	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Total Transfers In	15,000,000	0	0	0	0
Total Requirements	15,000,000	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This item results in a total transfer of \$15,000,000 to the General Fund Emergency Reserve Fund (ERF) for the SAVES Fund to support COVID-19 emergency relief. The SAVES funding will be appropriated within the Emergency Reserve Fund.

Included in this total transfer amount is \$6,000,000 budgeted for the Human Capital Management System within the Financial Services Department Capital Budget and \$500,000 from the Building Services Department Capital Rehabilitation Fund. The funding for the Human Capital Management System can be transferred to the SAVES fund without impacting the project timeline but will need to be replenished in future budgets. The Building Services Department will adjust their overall project portfolio to manage the budget reduction of \$500,000 but will continue to have funding available to address the most critical facility infrastructure needs. Also included is \$4,800,000 from the Pay for Success Reserve Fund to the ERF, leaving a \$1.2 million balance, which is currently appropriated for fiscal year 2021. This reallocation of funding is possible because the full amount of funding is not immediately required but it will need to be replenished in future budget cycles to achieve the City’s \$6 million funding commitment. Additionally, this item transfers \$3,700,000 in temporary use of Right-of-Way fees that are for the rental of the City’s right of way for private purposes, such as construction, revenue from the Austin Transportation Department Mobility Fund.

In accordance with the City's approved financial policies, these funds shall be used to provide for temporary financing for unanticipated or unforeseen extraordinary needs of an emergency nature, such as related to a natural disaster or calamity or an unexpected liability created by Federal or State legislative action.