

OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL NOTE

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

10/15/20

DEPARTMENT:

Financial Services

FUND:

General Fund Emergency Reserve

SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Fund Emergency Reserve Fund (Ordinance No. 20200812-001) to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 to provide economic recovery support to local businesses impacted by COVID-19 and to support emergency food access for caregivers of students in Austin-area schools who are experiencing food shortages due to COVID-19; and declaring an emergency.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

| | 2020-21 Amended | This Action | 2020-21 Amended |
|---|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 31,144,443 | 1,500,000 | 32,644,443 |
| Total Transfers In | 64,486,955 | 0 | 64,486,955 |
| Total Transfers Out | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Requirements | 6,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 8,000,000 |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Total Available Over Total Requirements | 57,986,955 | (1,500,000) | 56,486,955 |
| Ending Balance | 89,131,398 | 0 | 89,131,398 |

FIVE-YEAR ESTIMATED IMPACT:

| | FY 2021 | FY 2022 | FY 2023 | FY 2024 | FY 2025 |
|--------------------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total Revenue | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Requirements | 1,500,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This action amends the General Fund Emergency Reserve Fund by increasing appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 to provide economic recovery support to local businesses impacted by COVID-19 and to support emergency food access for caregivers of students in Austin-area schools who are experiencing food shortages due to COVID-19. This funding will be appropriated within the Emergency Reserve Fund. The City expects to realize additional sales tax revenue beyond what was estimated at the time the Fiscal Year 2021 budget was approved by Council on August 12, 2020. This action would utilize the projected excess revenue for this purpose.

These funds will be used for emergency food access for caregivers of students who are in Austin area schools. Local vendors impacted by COVID-19 and experiencing business interruptions as a result thereof will prepare the caregiver meals to assist with economic recovery efforts and ensure vendors' employees maintain employment as a result of this additional funding. Funding of \$1,500,000 will provide an estimated ten weeks of meals. Of this total, \$600,000 is needed to ratify the existing contract and provide four additional weeks of meals. The remaining \$900,000 will provide an additional six more weeks of meals.

In accordance with the City's approved financial policies, the General Fund Emergency Reserve Fund 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.