



Common Council

Agenda Item

Cover Sheet

MEETING DATE: April 15, 2025

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

ITEM or ORDINANCE: #1

PRESENTED BY: Caitlin Kesner

- ☒ Information Attached
- ☐ 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-2-25
DATE: April 15, 2025

Under RC-2-25, 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-2-25 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-2-25, I am informing Common Council that OFA appropriated the following grant proceeds in the first quarter of 2025.

- **\$1,500,000 from Indiana Department of Transportation – Community Crossing Matching Grant Fund 2025-1**
 - Appropriated to Street Rehabilitation Department (Dept 026) from Community Crossing Grant-State Fund (Fund 631).
 - State-funded grant to cover 50% of costs incurred to perform preventative maintenance and correct ADA deficiencies.
 - Matching funds appropriated in the 2025 budget in 2016 LOIT for Roads Fund (Fund 257).
 - The City will request reimbursement for allowable costs on a quarterly basis.
- **\$438,500 from Indiana Department of Transportation – Community Crossing Matching Grant Fund 2024-2**
 - Appropriated to Street Rehabilitation Department (Dept 026) from Community Crossing Grant-State Fund (Fund 631).
 - State-funded grant to cover 50% of costs incurred to perform preventative maintenance and correct ADA deficiencies.
 - Matching funds appropriated in the 2025 budget in 2016 LOIT for Roads Fund (Fund 257).
 - The City will request reimbursement for allowable costs on a quarterly basis.



- **\$106,150 from Indiana Department of Natural Resources – IRA Grant – Urban and Community Forestry Program**
 - Appropriated to Street Maintenance & Administration Department (Dept 025) from IRA Grant – Urban and Community Forestry Program Federal Grant Fund (Fund 628).
 - Federally-funded grant to cover 100% of the cost of purchasing, planting, and watering 147 trees in the City.
 - The City will request reimbursement for allowable costs on a quarterly basis.

The City also received the following grant proceeds during the first quarter of 2025:

- **\$336,124 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.
- **\$23,713 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, of which \$187,802 has been received.
- **\$41,869 from Federal Highway Administration (Via INDOT) – Crossroad Engineering Grant**
 - Deposited into INDOT/Crossroad Engineering-Federal Grant Fund (Fund 607)
 - Federal-funded grant to cover 66% of construction of a roundabout at 141st and Promise Road.
- **\$135,628 from Department of Treasury (Via Indiana DNR) – Next Level Trails Grant (Nickel Plate Trail)**
 - Deposited into Nickel Plate Trail Grant Fund (Fund 622).
 - Funds provided to City from IDNR to fund approximately 50% of the construction of the Nickel Plate Trail. Recently expanded to cover a portion of the 146th St Nickel Plate Trail pedestrian bridge.
- **\$17,040 from National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) – Operation Pull Over Grant Program/CHIRP**
 - Deposited in the 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-2-25. 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-2-25 is attached for your ready reference.

Attachment



RESOLUTION NO. RC-2-25

AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF GRANT PROCEEDS
FOR BUDGET YEAR 2025

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 2025 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.


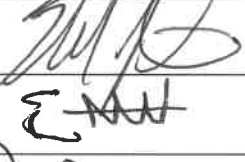
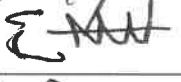
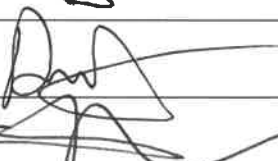




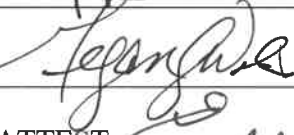
SECTION 2: For funds appropriated under SECTION 1, the amounts must be allocated by fund, by department, and by expense series in a manner that complies with the eligible uses defined by the grant award.

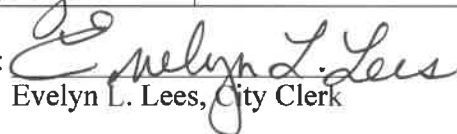
SECTION 3: For grant awards that reimburse costs previously incurred from other appropriated funds, the Controller may increase appropriation amounts by fund, by department, and by expense series, as prescribed under SECTION 2, to restore the spending authority utilized for those previously incurred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

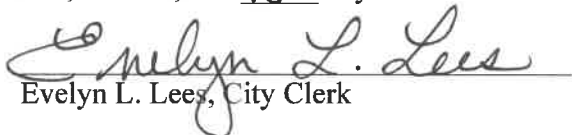
SECTION 4: The Controller must present for review, to the Common Council, a summary of all appropriations executed under SECTION 1 no later than the second Council meeting for the months of April, July, October, and December.

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Approved on this 14th day of January, 2025 by the Common Council of the City of Noblesville, Indiana:

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ATTEST: 
Evelyn L. Lees, City Clerk

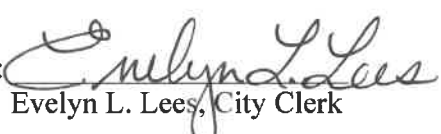
Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Noblesville, Indiana, this 15th day of January, 2025 at 8:00 A.M.

Evelyn L. Lees, City Clerk


Chris Jensen, Mayor

MAYOR'S APPROVAL
1-15-25
Date

MAYOR'S VETO

Chris Jensen, Mayor
Date

ATTEST: 
Evelyn L. Lees, City Clerk

