



MEMO FROM COUNCIL OFFICE:

To: Members of the Common Council

From: Stephen Lucas, Council Administrator/Attorney

Date: January 12, 2024

Re: Appropriation Ordinance 2024-01 - To Transfer Funds from the Motor Vehicle Highway Restricted Street Fund into the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund and to Additionally Appropriate ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Expenditures Not Otherwise Appropriated for 2024

Synopsis

This ordinance corrects an inadvertent closeout on December 21, 2023 of an open purchase order funding a grant agreement between the City and the United Way to address housing insecurity, by additionally appropriating \$1.5 million the City Council approved in 2021 for this purpose, and also makes the annual housekeeping adjustment required by the state Department of Local Government Finance in order to move the funds budgeted in the Restricted Motor Vehicle Highway Fund into the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund.

Relevant Materials

- Appropriation Ordinance 2024-01
- Staff Memo from Deputy Mayor Gretchen Knapp, Controller Jessica McClellan, and Corporation Counsel Margie Rice
- January 4, 2022 Grant Agreement with United Way
- December 26, 2023 Amendment to Grant Agreement
- State Board of Accounts Directive 2018-2

Summary

Appropriation Ordinance 2024-01 would do two things.

First, it would appropriate \$1.5 million out of the ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (Fund #176). As explained in the staff memo, this action would reappropriate funds that had been previously appropriated for combating housing insecurity through the Housing and Neighborhood Development Department's collaboration with United Way. Due to the accidental closure of a purchase order at the end of 2023, the administration is proposing this appropriation to make these ARPA funds available once more.

Second, the ordinance would appropriate just under \$1.75 million out of the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund (Fund #451). This appropriation comes as a result of state guidance on accounting for motor vehicle highway and restricted motor vehicle highway funds. The adopted [2024 civil city budget](#) included \$1,749,319 in the Motor Vehicle Highway Restricted Fund (Fund #456). The Controller's Office has indicated that the proposed appropriation of these funds out of the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund is needed to make use of this already-budgeted money in 2024.



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[Indiana Code 36-4-7-8](#) provides that the legislative body may, on the recommendation of the city executive, make further or additional appropriations by ordinance, as long as the result does not increase the City's tax levy that was set as part of the annual budgeting process. The additional appropriations requested by [Appropriation Ordinance 2024-01](#) should not result in such an increase to the City's tax levy.

[Indiana Code 6-1.1-17-3](#) requires a public hearing to be held before additional appropriations can be made, with a notice to taxpayers sent out at least ten (10) days before the public hearing. The public hearing for this appropriation ordinance is set for the Regular Session on January 24, 2024.

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