Controller's Office

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Houston, Texas:

I hereby certify, with respect to the money required for the contract, agreement, obligation or expenditure contemplated by the ordinance set out below that:

( ) Funds have been encumbered out of funds previously appropriated for such purpose.

( ) Funds have been certified and designated to be appropriated by separate ordinance to be approved prior to the approval of the ordinance set out below.

( ) Funds will be available out of current or general revenue prior to the maturity of any such obligation.

( ) No pecuniary obligation is to be incurred as a result of approving the ordinance set out below.

( ) The money required for the expenditure or expenditures specified below is in the treasury, in the fund or funds specified below, and is not appropriated for any other purposes.

( ) A certificate with respect to the money required for the expenditure or expenditures specified below is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

☑ Other - Grant Funds Available

Date: 6/10, 2020

City Controller of the City of Houston, Texas

City of Houston, Texas Ordinance No. 2020-6018

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN ELECTRONIC APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THE FY2020 BODY WORN CAMERA POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM ("GRANT"); DECLARING THE CITY'S ELIGIBILITY FOR SUCH GRANT; AUTHORIZING THE POLICE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ACT AS THE CITY'S REPRESENTATIVE IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS, TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND THE GRANT FUNDS IF AWARDED AND TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND ALL SUBSEQUENT AWARDS, IF ANY, PERTAINING TO THE GRANT AND TO EXTEND THE BUDGET PERIOD; CONTAINING PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

* * * *
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. The City Council hereby approves and authorizes the contract, agreement or other undertaking described in the title of this ordinance, in substantially the form as shown in the document which is attached hereto, if any, and incorporated herein by this reference. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute such document and all related documents on behalf of the City of Houston. The City Secretary is authorized to attest to all signatures and to affix the seal of the City to all documents.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the City’s intent and objectives in approving such agreement, agreements or undertaking described in the title of this ordinance, in the event of changed circumstances.

Section 3. The City Attorney is hereby authorized to take all action necessary to enforce all legal obligations under said undertaking without further authorization from Council.

Section 4. That the Chief of the Houston Police Department ("Director") is authorized and directed to represent and act for and on behalf of the City in dealing with the U.S. Department of Justice for the purpose of this grant assistance program. The Director is officially designated as the City’s representative in this program and is authorized to execute all documents on behalf of the City of Houston and to extend the budget period. The Mayor and the Director are authorized to execute all documents accepting current and future grant funds. The Mayor is authorized, without further City Council action, to execute all future related contracts, agreements, amendments and documents, in connection with the above-mentioned grant program, with the approval of the City Attorney. The City Secretary is authorized to attest to all signatures and to affix the seal of the City to all documents.

Section 5. The officials designated are specifically authorized to make application for grants in future years under this program, for the life of the program; not to exceed five years, unless City Council fails to approve, by budget or otherwise, any matching funds required.

Section 6. The City Council approves the City’s cash match contribution of $2,000,000.00. The majority of the cash match ($1,995,000.00) will be funded through the Police Special Services Fund of the Houston Police Department, the remaining amount ($5,000.00) will be funded through General Fund. IN THE EVENT OF LOSS OR MISUSE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FY2020 BODY WORN CAMERA POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM FUNDS, THE CITY COUNCIL ASSURES THAT FUNDS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN FULL.

Section 7. There exists a public emergency requiring that this Ordinance be passed finally on the date of its introduction as requested in writing by the Mayor; therefore, this Ordinance shall be passed finally on such date and shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; however, in the event that the Mayor fails to sign this Ordinance within five days after its passage and adoption, it shall take effect in accordance with Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter.
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of July, 2020.

APPROVED this ____ day of ______, 20____.

Mayor of the City of Houston, Texas

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter, the effective date of the foregoing Ordinance is JUL 14 2020.

City Secretary

FUNDING SOURCE:
$2,000,000.00 – Federal Government – Grants Fund (Fund 5000)
$1,995,000.00 – Police Special Services Fund (Fund 2201) – Cash Match
$5,000.00 – General Fund (1000)
$4,000,000.00 – Total

(Prepared by Legal Dept.  Mary J. Freeman
(MJM/arm 06/01/20) Senior Assistant City Attorney
(Requested by Art Acevedo, Police Chief, Houston Police Department)
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