



**CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL**

Meeting Date: 2/16/2022

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HPW-20FMS16 Creation of Segregated Account for TWDB Grant - FIF Integrated Water Master Plan

Agenda Item#: 38.

**Summary:**

ORDINANCE approving the creation of a segregated account "Texas Water Development Board Grant 2021A – FIF Integrated Master Plan" to receive and disperse proceeds received from the Texas Water Development Board under a grant awarded to the City of Houston; appropriating and authorizing all funds from the Texas Water Development Board Grant 2021A – FIF Integrated Master Plan for expenditures relating to previous Fiduciary Agreements between the City of Houston and Texas Water Development Board

**Background:**

**SUBJECT:**

Creation of a Segregated Account to receive and disperse proceeds received from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) under a grant awarded to the City of Houston.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Houston Public Works Director recommends approval of an ordinance that authorizes the creation of a new "TWDB GRANT 2021A – FIF INTEGRATED WATER MASTER PLAN" fund (Fund 4050); and authorizes the execution of segregated trust account agreements between the City and TWDB.

**SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:** The Texas Water Development Board has awarded a grant to the City of Houston through the Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) for the City to develop a Stormwater Modeling Tool for Sims Bayou Watershed and to initiate the One Water Collaborative Planning Process (FIF Integrated Water Master Plan).

The conditions of award require the City to place awarded grant proceeds into segregated trust accounts to be held separate from the general funds of the City. The creation of segregated accounts by local governments is authorized under Chapter 101.004, Texas Local Government Code. This practice is consistent with previous fiduciary arrangements between the City and TWDB for administration of loan proceeds and reduces the cost to the City by eliminating the need to hire a third-party escrow agent.

**FISCAL NOTE:** No Fiscal Note is required on grant items.

**CIP FISCAL NOTE:**

No significant Fiscal Operating Budget impact is anticipated as a result of this project.

*Carol Haddock* 2/7/2022

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**Prior Council Action:**

Ordinance No. 2020-0852, dated 10-07-2020

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Description	Type
Signed Coversheet (revised)	Signed Cover sheet
Prior Council Actions	Backup Material
Exhibit A - Segregated Trust Agreement	Contract/Exhibit
Ordinance (revised)	Ordinance/Resolution/Motion