

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

MEMO: Regarding Agenda Items #10 & 11

DATE: December 8, 2020

SUBJECT: November Forecast Results and Review/2021 Appropriation Considerations

PRESENTER: Sean Fahnhorst, Executive Budget Officer, MMB

Information:

Mr. Fahnhorst will provide the Council with insights from the most recent FY22 economic forecast as it relates to sales tax receipts and the Outdoor Heritage Fund.

Process:

Council to discuss MMB's OHF revenue projections and decide how to recommend for appropriation the additional forecasted OHF revenues. Following discussion, the Council will vote on the entire recommendations package, direct staff to finalize the OHF bill language with appropriate changes/edits, and direct staff to present the final bill language for submission to leadership by January 15, 2021.

Background:

The recent 2020 November Forecast indicates that the Council is faced with the opportunity to increase its previously agreed upon appropriation recommendations of approximately \$109M, as adopted by the Council at the October 1, 2020 meeting.

The new forecast indicates the Council could recommend an additional \$17.393m for appropriation, providing a total recommended appropriation of \$127.243M. This total provides a 10% reserve balance.

Chairs' Proposal - Collaboratively, Chair Hartwell and Vice Chair Schara recommend the following adjusted allocation (see the attached spreadsheet) to the full Council for its consideration:

- **Directly increase funding for each project recommended to receive funding at the Council's 10/1/20 meeting (except Roving Crews and administrative items which were fully funded) by 16.663% over original recommendation.**
- **Increased funding cannot be used by recipients for administrative or DSS expense and must go to increase project outcomes.**

Alternatively, if their recommendation is not to the liking of the Council, the Chair and Vice Chair would also be comfortable recommending the following:

- Increase the allocation to CPL by \$593,000
- Each member recommends for consideration by the full council an allocation of an additional \$1.4M not exceeding 3 projects currently receiving allocation as a result of the Council's 10/1/20 meeting up to but not beyond the amount that would fully fund the project.
- If a Council member did not wish to allocate their share or is not present at the meeting, the amount of their allocation would be, (1) used to increase CPL funding up to the full amount of its original request, or (2) increase the amount each member could recommend.

Attachment: Chairs' Proposal Spreadsheet