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Title: Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2021 amendment within Fund No. 925 for various offices and departments, and authorization of Emergency Rental Assistance program software contract with Unqork, Inc.

Sponsors: Lightfoot, Lori E.

Indexes: Year 2021

Attachments: 1. SO2021-747.pdf, 2. O2021-747.pdf

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
3/24/2021	1	City Council	Passed as Substitute	Pass
3/17/2021	1	Committee on Budget and Government Operations	Substituted in Committee	
3/17/2021	1	Committee on Budget and Government Operations	Recommended to Pass	
2/24/2021	1	City Council	Referred	

SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the year 2021 (the "2021 Appropriation Ordinance") of the City of Chicago (the "City") contains estimates of revenues receivable as grants from agencies of the state and federal governments and public and private agencies; and

WHEREAS, the City through its Office of Budget and Management ("OBM") has been awarded new federal COVID-19 grant funds in the amount of \$20,100,000 by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") program and desires to redistribute the grant funds from OBM to the City's Department of Assets, Information and Services in the amount of \$4,000,000, the Department of Family and Support Services ("DFSS") in the amount of \$5,000,000, the Department of Planning and Development in the amount of \$5,000,000, the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection ("BACP") in the amount of \$2,000,000, and the Department of Transportation in the amount of \$4,100,000, which shall be used for various programs under the CDBG program; and

WHEREAS, the City through its Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events has been awarded federal COVID-19 grant funds in the amount of \$46,000 by the National Endowment for the Arts for the City Arts program; and

WHEREAS, the City through DFSS has been awarded state COVID-19 grant funds in the amount of \$271,000 by the Illinois Department on Aging for the COVID Vaccination Support program; and

WHEREAS, the City through BACP has been awarded private COVID-19 carryover grant funds in the amount of \$800,000 by the Chicago Community Trust for the Chicago Small Business Resiliency program; and

WHEREAS, the City through its Department of Housing ("DOH") was awarded additional federal

COVID-19 grant funds in the amount of \$79,856,000 by the Treasury for the Emergency Rental Assistance program ("ERAP"), which grant funds may be subject to recapture by the Treasury if 65% is not used by September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, given the deadline for the expenditure of ERAP funds, DOH desires to enter into a contract with Unqork Inc., a Delaware corporation, which will provide DOH with subscription-based access to its proprietary software for ERAP application intake and management for an amount not to exceed \$600,000 for a one-year term, renewable for an optional, maximum additional one-year term if ERAP is extended (the "ERAP Software Contract"); and

WHEREAS, the City through its Department of Aviation has been awarded additional federal COVID-19 grant funds in the amount of \$87,453,000 by the United States Department of Transportation for the Airport Assistance - COVID program, out of which Chicago Midway International Airport ("MDW") will receive grant funds in the amount \$18,696,000 and Chicago O'Hare International Airport ("ORD") will receive grant funds in the amount of \$68,757,000; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. The amount of \$87,770,000 not previously appropriated, representing new grants and \$800,000 representing carryover funding, is hereby appropriated from Fund 925 - Grant Funds for the year 2021. The 2021 Annual Appropriation Ordinance is hereby amended by striking the words and figures and adding the words and figures indicated in the attached Exhibit A which is hereby made a part hereof.

SECTION 2. The Commissioner of Housing or her designee (each, an "Authorized Officer") is authorized to execute the ERAP Software Contract with Unqork Inc. The ERAP Software Contract shall contain such provisions as required by the Treasury and shall contain such terms and conditions as the Authorized Officer shall deem necessary or desirable, including indemnification, as necessary. Each Authorized Officer for and on behalf of the City shall be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary to effect the performance of all obligations of the City under and pursuant to this ordinance and is hereby further authorized, empowered and directed for and on behalf of the City, to execute and deliver all papers, documents, certificates and other instruments that may be required to carry out the authority conferred by this ordinance or to evidence said authority.

SECTION 3. To the extent that any ordinance, resolution, rule, order or provision of the Municipal Code of Chicago, in whole or in part thereof, is in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, the provisions of this ordinance shall prevail. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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