



Legislation Text

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The proposed resolution authorizes the City Clerk to apply for and accept a \$1,271,788 grant from the Center for Tech & Civic Life. The proposed resolution also amends the 2020 adopted budget of the City Clerk by increasing the Salaries line by \$683,788, Supplies line by \$279,500, Purchased Services line by \$308,000, and Interdepartmental Charges by \$500. The additional budget amounts will be used to pay for additional costs associated with the August and November elections including mobile hot spots for voter outreach, storage space and PPE, incentive payments for polling locations, voter outreach, supplies for curbside voting, translation, and additional poll worker pay to incentivize working the elections.

SUBSTITUTE: Authorizing the City Clerk to apply for and accept a \$1,271,788 grant from the Center for Tech & Civic Life for the implementation of a safe voting plan for the remainder of 2020, and amending the 2020 Adopted Operating Budget to increase the Clerk's Office budget by \$1,271,788, including increasing the Salaries budget by \$683,788, Supplies budget by \$279,500, Purchased Services by \$308,000, and Interdepartmental Charges by \$500.

WHEREAS, The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have had a drastic effect on elections, including those in the City of Madison, and

WHEREAS, The elections remaining in 2020 are expected to draw very high voter turnout, and

WHEREAS, The nature of the pandemic and the resulting changes necessary to conduct a safe election will require an expansion of current voter education and outreach efforts, and

WHEREAS, The Center for Tech & Civic Life, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization is offering a safe elections grant to the Wisconsin Cities of Milwaukee, Madison, Green Bay, Kenosha and Racine, and

WHEREAS, The portion of the grant for the City of Madison totals \$1,271,788, and

WHEREAS, The grant will allow the City of Madison to provide equitable access to voting as it expands voter assistance efforts such as absentee voting, Election Official recruitment, safe and efficient election day administration, voter education and voter outreach,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Madison City Clerk shall apply for and accept the \$1,271,788 grant from the Center for Tech & Civic Life

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the 2020 Adopted Operating Budget is amended to increase the Clerk's Office Salaries budget by \$683,788, Supplies budget by \$279,500, Purchased Services by \$308,000, and Interdepartmental Charges by \$500.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute grant agreement(s) as needed with the Center for Tech and Civil Life to accept the grant.