

FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 8, 2020

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3

- SUBJECT:**
- A. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM Z. SMITH REYNOLDS FOUNDATION AWARDED TO THE FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF SAFE AND FAIR ELECTIONS**
 - B. BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS FROM Z. SMITH REYNOLDS FOUNDATION AWARDED TO THE FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF SAFE AND FAIR ELECTIONS**

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS: Recommend Approval

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

On September 16, 2020, Forsyth County Board of Elections received notification that they were awarded a \$50,000 grant from Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation to use to administer safe and fair elections for the Fall 2020 cycle. It is the concern of the Foundation that all Forsyth County voters be able to fully participate in the election during the pandemic and that the Forsyth County Board of Elections have the resources necessary to conduct a safe, fair, and accurate election.

Forsyth County Board of Elections plans to use these funds to cover the expenses of disinfecting services of polling places after the election and to provide hazard pay to poll workers.

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE:

J. Dudley Watts, Jr. /AMS
COUNTY MANAGER

DATE: October 06, 2020

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM
Z. SMITH REYNOLDS FOUNDATION AWARDED TO THE
FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION
OF SAFE AND FAIR ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS on September 16, 2020, Forsyth County Board of Elections received notification that they were awarded a grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation for \$50,000 for the administration of safe and fair elections in the Fall 2020 elections cycle; and

WHEREAS these grant funds will be used to cover the expenses for disinfecting services of polling places after the election and to provide hazard pay to pay poll workers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chairman or County Manager and the Clerk to the Board to execute the necessary documents, on behalf of Forsyth County, to receive grant funds from Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, for the administration of safe and fair elections in the Fall 2020 elections cycle, subject to a pre-audit certificate thereon by the County Chief Financial Officer, if applicable, and approval as to form and legality by the County Attorney.

Adopted this the 8th day of October 2020.

**FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
AMENDMENT TO
FY 2020-2021 BUDGET ORDINANCE**

FROM: BUDGET & MANAGEMENT

MEETING DATE: October 8, 2020

EXPLANATION:

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT THE
2020-2021 BUDGET ORDINANCE IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

INCREASE:	<u>SECTION 1. REVENUES.</u> GENERAL FUND INTERGOVERNMENTAL	<u>\$50,000</u>
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INCREASE:	<u>SECTION 2. EXPENDITURES.</u> GENERAL FUND ELECTIONS	<u>\$50,000</u>
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NATURE OF TRANSACTION:
 Additional Revenue Available
 Transfer within Accounts of
Same fund
 Other:

APPROVED BY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS AND ENTERED ON
MINUTES DATED _____
AGENDA ITEM NUMBER _____

Z. Smith Reynolds

FOUNDATION

PRESIDENT
W. Noah Reynolds

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Maurice O. Green

September 16, 2020

Mr. Tim Tsujii
Elections Director
Forsyth County Board of Elections
Forsyth County Government Center
201 North Chestnut Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Sent via email to Tim Tsujii at tsujiidt@forsyth.cc.

Dear Mr. Tsujii,

I am pleased to inform you that the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation has awarded Forsyth County with \$50,000 for the Forsyth County Board of Elections to use to administer safe and fair elections for the Fall 2020 cycle. It is the concern of the Foundation that all Forsyth County voters be able to fully participate in the election during the pandemic and that the Forsyth County Board of Elections have the resources necessary to make voting as safe, fair and accurate as you are able.

In order to receive this funding, the Foundation will need Forsyth County to complete an online form and sign a Grantee Acceptance and Understanding form. Please let us know to whom to send directions for accessing the necessary forms. They should expect to receive further directions from Beth Priddy, Grants Administrator.

If you would like to announce the support of the Foundation, please contact Shaheen Towles, Communications Director, at shaheent@zsr.org.

Thank you for all you are doing in this challenging time.

Sincerely,



Maurice "Mo" Green
Executive Director