

Technology Investment Grant Fund -- No. 319486

Category **General Government**
 Agency **Management and Budget**
 Planning Area **Countywide**
 Relocation Impact **None**

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 Required Adequate Public Facility

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 9-35(03 App)
 NO

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY04	Remain. FY04	Total 6 Years	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision											
Land											
Site Improvements and Utilities											
Construction											
Other	1,895	0	395	1,500	250	250	250	250	250	250	0
Total	1,895	0	395	1,500	250	250	250	250	250	250	*

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

Revolving Fund - Current Revenue	1,895	0	395	1,500	250	250	250	250	250	250	0
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ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000)

DESCRIPTION

This project establishes an inter-agency grant fund to support, in whole or in part, Technology Investment Fund (TIF) projects. The purpose of this fund is to encourage technologically innovative capital projects that will improve the productivity of County agencies. Projects approved for funding will use innovative technologies to achieve cost reductions, cost avoidance, and service improvements. The grant fund will support TIF projects considered inappropriate candidates for the loan fund. Projects must be primarily pilot, demonstration, or start-up in nature and provide a foundation for future work that is expected to produce significant revenue enhancement, cost savings, or cost avoidance. These may be projects that serve a general corporate interest broader than the interest of a single department; have an inter-agency component; have little prospect of payback from cost savings; or no practical way to identify and isolate savings. The County Executive appoints, and County Council approves, the Technology Investment Fund Loan/Grant Committee composed of representatives of each of the agencies and an independent representative not affiliated with any of the tax supported agencies or potential service providers. This committee considers applications to the grant fund from departments and agencies, according to policy guidelines and criteria established by the County Executive and the County Council. A share of grant fund money is reserved for access by small organizational units and for projects accompanied by department matching resources or outside funding. The TIF Loan Fund/Grant Committee reviews applications with appropriate technical advice from the Department of Technology Services (DTS) and other relevant experts. Each agency has an equal vote in committee decisions. The TIF Loan/Grant Committee makes recommendations for awards to specific projects to the County Executive for final decision. Approved projects are assigned an individual PDF funded from current revenues that include the amount of the grant fund to be used for that particular project. Management of the grant fund is subject to regular evaluation and oversight by the County Executive and County Council.

JUSTIFICATION

The purposes of the grant fund are to encourage technological innovation by providing funds outside the normal budget process; to provide managers with extra incentives to consider potential cost-saving innovations; and to provide greater accountability for achievement of promised cost reductions and service improvements through ongoing monitoring and evaluation of project results. A single grant fund, including all the tax supported agencies, can encourage increased cooperation among the agencies, provide for healthy competition in gaining approval of innovative projects, assure greater technical consistency, and avoid duplication in experimental proposals.

STATUS

There would be a zero balance in the grant fund if a pending supplemental appropriation is approved by the Council. Any future grants would require an appropriation of revolving fund current revenues from TIF reserves; however, there are no grant applications pending at this time and no appropriation is recommended.

OTHER

This fund consolidates appropriation authority for TIF projects using grants as a funding source. This fund supports individual projects with a total cost of less than \$250,000 each. Expenditures are estimated and not related to specific project applications. This project is implemented in accordance with Council Resolution No. 13-994, the Technology Investment Fund Policy Resolution, which supersedes Council Resolution No. 12-1713, the Technology Innovation Fund Policy Resolution.

* Expenditures will continue indefinitely.

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA

Date First Appropriation	FY94	(\$000)
Initial Cost Estimate		1,000
First Cost Estimate		
Current Scope	FY03	2,610
Last FY's Cost Estimate		1,895
Present Cost Estimate		1,895
Appropriation Request	FY06	-395
Supplemental Appropriation Request	FY05	0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		395
Expenditures/Encumbrances		0
Unencumbered Balance		395
Partial Closeout Thru	FY03	0
New Partial Closeout	FY04	0
Total Partial Closeout		0

COORDINATION

County Council Resolution No. 12-1712
 County Council Resolution No. 12-1713
 County Council Resolution No. 12-1766
 County Council Resolution No. 13-994
 TIF Loan/Grant Committee
 Office of Management and Budget
 Office of the County Executive
 Department of Finance
 Department of Technology Services

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