


CITY COUNCIL ACTION REQUEST

Department(s): City Manager's Office	CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-003, Agreements/Contracts (New or Amended) resulting in no physical changes to the environment	Coordination: City Attorney's Office, City Manager's Budget Office	Dept. Approval: /s/ Lee Wilcox
Council District(s): Citywide			CMO Approval: 

SUBJECT: KNIGHT FOUNDATION GRANT ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify and approve the City Manager's execution of an Agreement with the Knight Foundation for receipt of \$200,000 in grant funds to develop an Internet of Things (IoT) strategy to inform the City's decisions about where to invest, how to finance infrastructure, how to effectively govern assets, and how to partner effectively with the private sector for the period of July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2018.

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

On June 20, 2017, the Knight Foundation awarded a \$200,000 grant to the City of San José to support the development of an Internet of Things (IoT) strategy for the City. The creation of a detailed IoT strategy is in alignment with the strategic goals of San José's *Smart City Vision* by advancing innovation projects at scale, demonstration/pilot projects, and strategy and policy initiatives that deliver community benefit, optimize resources, improve service delivery, and build capacity for future success. It also serves to optimize the City's investment through partnerships and private funding opportunities.

Approval of this action will bring the total amount of grant funding received citywide from the Knight Foundation in 2017-2018 to \$450,000, an amount exceeding the City Manager's delegated contract authority. Previous Knight Foundation awards in 2017 included \$100,000 to support a Chief Service Officer position to engage citizens in service and volunteerism in the Mayor's Office, and \$150,000 to recruit a city designer with expertise in urban design, planning and transit-oriented development in the Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Department.

The City Council on August 22, 2017 (item 2.7), approved an appropriation ordinance and funding source resolution to allocate this \$200,000 in funding to the City Manager's Office (Civic Innovation and Digital Strategy Office) Non-Personal/Equipment appropriation to contract with Price Waterhouse Coopers for consulting services related to the Internet of Things strategy.

COST AND FUNDING SOURCE:

A total of \$200,000 was received from the Knight Foundation to support the development of an IoT strategy to guide the transformation of the City's current IoT platform. The grant funds were recognized and allocated to the City Manager's Office (Civic Innovation and Digital Strategy Office) on August 22, 2017, bringing total 2017 grants funding from the Knight Foundation to \$450,000.

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