



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 02/25/2025

REQUESTER: Ryan Riddel, Assistant City Attorney

PRESENTER: Ryan Riddel, Assistant City Attorney

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2425-95: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, APPROPRIATING \$56,182.43 FROM THE REFUNDS / REIMBURSEMENTS MISCELLANEOUS RISK MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE REPAIR OF CITY VEHICLES DAMAGED BY OTHER DRIVERS IN TRAFFIC COLLISIONS.

BACKGROUND:

Funding is required to repair City vehicles that are damaged by other parties. Most of the time, the City's vendor, ACM, collects funds from the at-fault driver's insurance for reimbursement of this damage. However, when insurance funds cannot be collected and charges related to the same incident are filed by the District Attorney's Office, a request for restitution is submitted by the City for inclusion with the charges.

This item requests appropriation of these various types of funds which have been received to pay for repairs to City vehicles.

DISCUSSION:

Reimbursement has been received for the following incidents:

On August 30, 2023, a Police Department vehicle (Unit 1225) received damage when the rear passenger window was damaged by an arrestee. Restitution was granted in the corresponding criminal case and monthly payments were ordered. The following restitution payments were received from the District Attorney's Office: \$122 dated 11/5/24; \$100 dated 12/6/24, \$100 dated 1/8/25.

On April 7, 2024, a Police Department vehicle (Unit 1215) received damage during pursuit of an intoxicated driver. Restitution was granted in the corresponding criminal case and monthly payments were ordered. The following restitution payments were received from the District Attorney's Office: \$207.64 dated 11/5/24, \$207.64 dated 12/6/24, \$207.64 dated 1/8/25.

On February 3, 2024, a Transit Division bus (Unit 5-1906) received damage when it was struck by another driver that crossed into the outside lane. The bus was repaired immediately so it could be returned to service and Transit Division funds were utilized to pay for the repair invoice. Subsequently, USAA insurance determined their driver to be at fault and payment for damage costs was collected by ACM and remitted to the City in the amount of \$23,223.61.

On August 3, 2024, a Police Department vehicle (Unit 1127) received damage when it was struck by another driver who failed to yield to oncoming traffic when exiting a private driveway. State Farm insurance determined their driver to be at fault and payment for damage costs was collected by ACM and remitted to the City in the amount of \$32,013.90.

The collections outlined above, which total \$56,182.43, were received by the City and forwarded for deposit into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

Staff now submits this request to reimburse the Transit Division for their expense as well as to place funds into the Fleet vehicle repair account for three (3) Police Department units.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of R-2425-95 for the appropriation of \$56,182.43 from the Risk Management Fund, Refunds/Reimbursements (Account 439-365264) to the Public Transit Fund, Transit Maintenance & Repair Services-Auto (\$23,223.61; Account 27550276-44201) and to Miscellaneous Services/Uninsured Losses (\$32,958.82; Account 43330104-44798) for the reimbursement of repairs to City of Norman vehicles.