

Cash Management Policy



I. Authority

The Fort Worth City Council is responsible for legislation, policy formulation, and overall direction setting of the government. This includes the approval of financial policies which establish and direct the operations of the City of Fort Worth. The City Manager and Assistant City Managers are-is responsible for carrying out the policy directives of the City Council and managing the day-to-day operations of the executive departments, including the Department of Financial Management Services. This policy shall be administered on behalf of the City Manager and the Assistant City Managers by the Chief Financial Officer / Director of Finance.

II. Purpose:

This policy is intended to establish guidelines to manage the City's cash in such a manner so as to ensure the safety of principal and interest, to meet the liquidity needs of the City, and to achieve the highest reasonable market yield.

III. Scope:

This policy shall apply to all funds under the budgetary and fiscal control of the City Manager and the Mayor and City Council.

IV. Glossary

See definitions related to this policy provided in the appendix.

V. Policy:

The Chief Financial Officer / Director of Finance shall administer the management of the City's cash as required under the Public Funds Investment Act (Texas Local Government Code Chapter 2256) and the Collateral for Public Funds Act (Texas Local Government Code 2257). Specifically, this policy mandates the pursuit of the following overall goals and objectives for cash management:

1. All aspects of cash management operations shall be designed to ensure the safety and integrity of the City's financial assets.
2. Cash management activities shall be conducted in full compliance with prevailing local, state, and federal regulations. Furthermore, such activities shall be designed to adhere to guidelines, standards, and practices promulgated by such professional organizations as the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), and the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), whenever practicable.
3. Operating within appropriately established administrative and procedural parameters, the City shall aggressively pursue optimum financial rewards, while simultaneously controlling its related expenditures. Therefore, cash management functions that engender interaction with outside financial intermediaries shall be conducted in the best financial and

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administrative interests of the City. In pursuit of these interests, the City will utilize competitive bidding practices wherever practicable, affording no special financial advantage to any individual or corporate member of the financial or investment community.

4. The City shall design and enforce written standards and guidelines relating to a variety of cash management issues, such as the eligibility or selection of various financial intermediaries and counterparties, documentation and safekeeping requirements; philosophical and operational aspects of the cash management function; and such other functional and administrative aspects of the cash management program which necessitate standard setting in pursuit of appropriate prudence, enhanced protection of assets or procedural improvements.