

ORDINANCE NO. 084, 2019
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING UNANTICIPATED GRANT REVENUES FROM BLOOMBERG
PHILANTHROPIES AND AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS IN THE
LIGHT AND POWER FUND FOR RESIDENTIAL EFFICIENCY PROJECT LOANS

WHEREAS, under Ordinance No. 033, 2012, the City established a Home Efficiency Loan Program, also known as On-Bill Utility Financing (OBF), which enabled Fort Collins Utilities to offer financing and on-bill servicing of customer loans for energy efficiency, water efficiency and renewable energy upgrade projects; and

WHEREAS, during 2013 through 2016, OBF provided low-cost financing for energy efficiency, solar photovoltaic, and water conservation improvements, in support of Utilities' efficiency and conservation efforts, and policy goals from Plan Fort Collins, the Climate Action Plan and the Energy Policy and Water Conservation Plan; and

WHEREAS, in early 2017, outstanding OBF loan balances reached the \$1.6M limit set by City Council in Ordinance No. 035, 2016, and the City began looking to third-party capital to fund the program; and

WHEREAS, in February 2018, the City was selected as a Champion City as part of the 2018 Bloomberg Philanthropies U.S. Mayors Challenge competition; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with selection as a Champion City, Bloomberg Philanthropies awarded the City a \$1M grant over three years to further develop a program to improve energy efficiency of low- to moderate-income rental households; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2019, the City Manager executed a grant agreement on behalf of the City with Bloomberg Philanthropies, in acceptance of the grant award; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2019, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 046, 2019, appropriating the first tranche of the Bloomberg grant award in the amount of \$100,000, directing the funds be used for enhanced OBF loan program capital for residential energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades, to be administered as the "EPIC Loan Program"; and

WHEREAS, the City recently received the second tranche of the Bloomberg grant award in the amount of \$682,000, which is available for appropriation from the Fort Collins Utilities' Light and Power Fund to support the EPIC Loan Program; and

WHEREAS, EPIC Program loans incentivize rental and owner-occupied property owners to invest in energy-efficient improvements, advancing public benefits to health, safety and welfare by supporting the City's progress toward 2030 community energy and climate objectives; and

WHEREAS, City staff and the City Manager recommend appropriating \$193,650 from the second tranche of Bloomberg Philanthropies grant award funds to increase participation by

low- and moderate-income households in the EPIC Program, including transferring \$14,520 of appropriated funds to the Economic Health Office for EPIC Program loan management; and

WHEREAS, staff and the City Manager will bring recommendations for appropriating the remaining \$488,350 of the second tranche with other third-party capital in a separate ordinance at a later date; and

WHEREAS, City Council determines it is desirable to continue enhancement of program incentives and financing options for EPIC/OBF loans and to provide flexibility in the administration of loans for rental and owner-occupied properties, in furtherance of conservation benefits available to ratepayers through City Utility energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrade programs; and

WHEREAS, City Council further determines improving motivations and financing options for EPIC/OBF loans for rental and owner-occupied properties will benefit utility rate payers by incentivizing conservation energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades in an additional segment of local housing stock, reducing overall utility consumption across rate classes, as required by Article XII, Section 6, of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 9, of the City Charter permits the City Council to make supplemental appropriations by ordinance at any time during the fiscal year, provided that the total amount of such supplemental appropriations, in combination with all previous appropriations for that fiscal year, does not exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues to be received during the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has confirmed the appropriation of the Bloomberg Philanthropies grant award as described herein will not cause the total amount appropriated in the Light and Power Fund to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues to be received in that fund during the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has confirmed that the appropriation of the Bloomberg Philanthropies grant award as described herein will not cause the total amount appropriated in the General Fund to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues to be received in that fund during the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 10, of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to transfer by ordinance any unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount or portion thereof from one fund or capital project to another fund or capital project, provided that the purpose for which the transferred funds are to be expended remains unchanged; the purpose for which the funds were initially appropriated no longer exists; or the proposed transfer is from a fund or capital project in which the amount appropriated exceeds the amount needed to accomplish the purpose specified in the appropriation ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:


Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That there is hereby appropriated from unanticipated grant revenue received from Bloomberg Philanthropies in the Light and Power Fund the sum of ONE HUNDRED NINETY-THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$193,650) for expenditure in the Light and Power Fund for the EPIC residential efficiency project loan program.

Section 3. That the unexpended appropriated amount of FOURTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS (\$14,520) in the Light & Power Fund is authorized for transfer to the General Fund and appropriated therein for the Economic Health Office for project management of the EPIC residential efficiency project loan program.

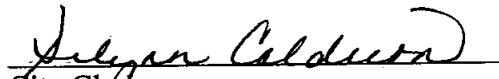
Section 4. That the remaining sum of FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$488,350) of unanticipated grant revenue received from Bloomberg Philanthropies shall be held in the Light and Power Fund for subsequent appropriation for the EPIC residential efficiency project loan program.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 2nd day of July, A.D. 2019, and to be presented for final passage on the 16th day of July, A.D. 2019.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

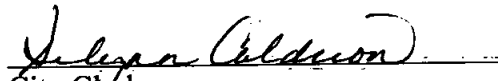


Passed and adopted on final reading on the 16th day of July, A.D. 2019.



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