

RESOLUTION 2018-016
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROVING THE GRANT OF FUNDS FOR A LOCKER PROGRAM
AT FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

WHEREAS, as part of the City Council's consideration of an ordinance regarding appropriate use of public spaces in 2017, members of the public expressed concern about a lack of storage spaces for people experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Fort Collins Mennonite Fellowship (FCMF) has offered to host a pilot locker program on its property in downtown Fort Collins that would provide twenty outdoor storage lockers managed by FCMF for one year; and

WHEREAS, under FCMF's proposal the City would provide \$10,500 as a grant to FCMF to fund purchase and installation of the lockers, awnings, and the cost of program oversight; and

WHEREAS, if the use of City funds for the locker program is approved, funds are appropriated and available for expenditure in the Community Initiatives Fund within the City Manager's budget; and

WHEREAS, the City has received both strong support and strong opposition to this proposal; and

WHEREAS, City staff has researched programs around the country that provide lockers to people experiencing homelessness and whether they have been successful; and

WHEREAS, staff has not found another program that is directly comparable to the FCMF proposal, as most programs are larger in scope and provide oversight and control when individuals are accessing the lockers, mitigating safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the pilot locker program proposed by FCMF is in the best interests of the citizens of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED 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 the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a funding agreement with FCMF to provide \$10,500 for the pilot locker program described above, on terms and conditions consistent with this Resolution, along with such additional terms and conditions as the City Manager, in consultation with the City Attorney, determines are necessary or appropriate to protect the interests of the City and effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 6th day of February, A.D. 2018.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

DEFEATED
2/6/18