

RESOLUTION 2019-004
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A SCHOOL YARD
INITIATIVE GRANT FROM THE STATE BOARD OF GREAT OUTDOORS
COLORADO ON BEHALF OF COLORADO EARLY COLLEGES –
FORT COLLINS FOR THE INNOVATION URBAN FARMS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City's Gardens on Spring Creek is applying for a School Yard Initiative Grant from the State Board of Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) in the amount of \$110,000 to fund an Innovation Urban Farms Project by Colorado Early Colleges-Fort Collins (CEC) (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, CEC is a charter school, and GOCO requires schools to have a local government partner to apply, for School Yard Initiative Grants, sign the GOCO Grant Agreement, and serve as the fiscal agent for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Project would involve CEC constructing outdoor learning space on its property, adjacent to the future extension of the City's Power Trail, including garden boxes for growing produce, an apple orchard, and mural art on existing concrete walls, to inspire nature-based play and learning; and

WHEREAS, the Project supports the goals of the Nature in the City Strategic Plan by providing an opportunity for easy access to nature, and helps the City achieve its strategic goal of providing enhanced opportunities for arts and culture throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, as part of its grant application process, GOCO requires that the governing body of any entity applying for grant funds pass a resolution to show that it is aware of and supports the application, and recognizes the obligations the grant creates; and

WHEREAS, if the City Council adopts this Resolution, City staff will work with CEC to develop an intergovernmental agreement describing the City's role and CEC's obligation to meet the requirements of the GOCO grant; and

WHEREAS, the City would not be providing any funds towards the Project; and

WHEREAS, should the City receive a GOCO grant for the Project, staff will ask the City Council to authorize the City to enter into an IGA with CEC and a Grant Agreement with GOCO and to appropriate the unanticipated revenues from GOCO for the Project.


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.

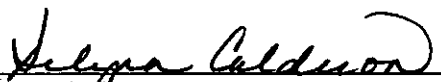
Section 2. That the City Council hereby supports the City's application for a GOCO School Yard Initiative grant in the amount of \$110,000 for the Innovation Urban Farms Project on behalf of Colorado Early Colleges – Fort Collins.

Section 3. That the City recognizes the obligations associated with a GOCO grant, and if the grant is awarded the City intends to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Colorado Early Colleges – Fort Collins, subject to City Council approval, to ensure that Colorado Early Colleges – Fort Collins appropriates funds for maintenance of the Project and maintains the Project in a high-quality condition for its useful life,

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 2nd day of January, A.D. 2019.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

