

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

November 20, 2018

City Council

STAFF

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SUBJECT

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 128, 2018, Appropriating Unanticipated Grant Revenue in the General Fund for Climate Action Efforts.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on November 6, 2018, appropriates \$5,000 in grant revenues from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network (“USDN”) Innovation Fund Technical Assistance Mini-Grant Program into the General Fund for the purpose of working with three other U.S. cities to develop a full grant application to the USDN Innovation Fund. The full grant application will develop a framework for cities to develop climate action plans and other planning efforts by systematically addressing mitigation, resilience, and equity within a single planning process. The technical assistance mini-grant, covered by this Ordinance, will convene the four total cities in November 2018 to develop the full proposal. This project will leverage and align with the City’s effort to update the Climate Action Plan and Energy Policy in 2019 and 2020 (Budget Offer 43.12).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

ATTACHMENTS

1. First Reading Agenda Item Summary, November 6, 2018 (w/o attachments) (PDF)
2. Ordinance No. 128, 2018 (PDF)

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SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 128, 2018, Appropriating Unanticipated Grant Revenue in the General Fund for Climate Action Efforts.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to appropriate \$5,000 in grant revenues from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network (“USDN”) Innovation Fund Technical Assistance Mini-Grant Program into the General Fund for the purpose of working with three other U.S. cities to develop a full grant application to the USDN Innovation Fund. The full grant application will develop a framework for cities to develop climate action plans and other planning efforts by systematically addressing mitigation, resilience, and equity within a single planning process. The technical assistance mini-grant, covered by this Ordinance, will convene the four total cities in November 2018 to develop the full proposal. This project will leverage and align with the City’s effort to update the Climate Action Plan and Energy Policy in 2019 and 2020 (Budget Offer 43.12).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

In October, Fort Collins was selected as one of three U.S. Cities to receive a technical assistance mini-grant from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN) Innovation Fund. USDN is a peer-to-peer network of local government professionals from cities and counties across the U.S. and Canada dedicated to creating a healthier environment, economic prosperity, and increased social equity. USDN’s ultimate goal is to scale effective urban sustainability outcomes.

The USDN Innovation Fund provides grants so USDN members, which includes Fort Collins, can collaborate around the development of innovative ways to solve a problem or to leverage a field-advancing opportunity.

Fort Collins is working with Richmond, VA, Fort Lauderdale, FL, and San Francisco, CA to develop the full application to the USDN Innovation Fund, which is due on November 29, 2018. The full application will develop a framework for cities to develop climate action plans and other planning efforts by systematically addressing mitigation, resilience, and equity within a single planning process. Fort Collins and Richmond will leverage this work in their upcoming climate action planning efforts; Fort Lauderdale will integrate this work into their capital improvement processes and San Francisco intends to integrate the framework into their comprehensive plan update. Five other cities are also providing feedback on this effort, including Durango, CO, Santa Fe, NM, Seattle, WA, Los Angeles, CA, and Edina, MN.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

The funds have been received and entered into the appropriate General Fund account. The appropriation of these funds will enable Sustainability to coordinate and fund the convening of the four cities as well as key project support staff, e.g., USDN Chief Resilience Officer and an equity consultant, in November. No matching funds are required for the mini-grant, and the full proposal is anticipated to request approximately \$85,000 to develop the framework.

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ORDINANCE NO. 128, 2018
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING UNANTICIPATED GRANT REVENUE IN
THE GENERAL FUND FOR CLIMATE ACTION EFFORTS

WHEREAS, the City has been awarded an Urban Sustainability Directors Network (“USDN”) Innovation Fund grant in the amount of \$5,000; and

WHEREAS, the USDN grant will be used to collaborate with other grant-awarded cities to develop innovative ways to address sustainability in urban environments; and

WHEREAS, the grant does not require any matching funds from the City; and

WHEREAS, this appropriation benefits public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Fort Collins and serves the public purpose of creating sustainable living environments for generations to come; 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 recommended the appropriation described herein and determined that this appropriation is available and previously unappropriated from the General Fund and 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 any fiscal year.

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 revenue in the General Fund the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000) for expenditure in the General Fund for climate action efforts.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 6th day of November, A.D. 2018, and to be presented for final passage on the 20th day of November, A.D. 2018.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 20th day of November, A.D. 2018.

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