

RESOLUTION 2021-057
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROVING FORT FUND GRANT DISBURSEMENTS –
ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT CATEGORY

WHEREAS, providers of lodging accommodations in the City are required by Section 25-250 of the City Code to pay three percent of all revenues derived from such lodging accommodations to the City as a lodging tax; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 25-244 of the City Code, twenty-five percent of those revenues are reserved for cultural development and programming, and seventy-five percent of all revenues received by the City from lodging tax are reserved for promotion of convention and visitor activities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 25-244 of the City Code, the Community Cultural Development and Programming Account was established for the purpose of funding cultural development and programming activities, and the Tourism Programming Account was established for the purpose of funding tourist-related special events; and

WHEREAS, the City disburses funds from the City's Cultural Development and Programming Account and Tourism Programming Account in accordance with Sections 2-203(2) and 25-244 of the City Code through its Fort Fund Program; and

WHEREAS, there are three Fort Fund funding programs available for applicants: Organizational Support, Project Support, and Project Support II for smaller organizations; and

WHEREAS, the City's Cultural Resources Board reviews applications from the community for Fort Fund monies and makes recommendations to the City Council in accordance with Section 2-203(2) of the City Code, and in accordance with the administrative guidelines for the Fort Fund program (the "Fort Fund Guidelines"); and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution 2021-033, approving the distribution of funds for proposals in the Project Support II category, and on April 20, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution 2021-039 approving the distribution of funds for proposals in the Project Support category; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting on April 22, 2021, the Cultural Resources Board recommended funding for various proposals in the Organizational Support category based on the criteria and considerations set forth in Section 2-203 of the City Code and the Fort Fund Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the use of lodging tax revenues will provide a public benefit to the Fort Collins community by supporting cultural development and public programming activities within the City that promote the use of public accommodations within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to approve Fort Fund grant disbursements as set forth in Exhibit "A".

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 finds that the distribution of funds through the Fort Fund program in the Organizational Support category as set forth on Exhibit "A" will promote the cultural and economic health of the community and in doing so will serve a recognized and valuable public purpose.

Section 3. That funds in the total amount of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$180,000) from the City's Cultural Development and Programming Account are hereby approved for distribution as set forth in Exhibit "A".

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 18th day of May, A.D. 2021.



Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk