

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 13

DATE: February 5, 2008

STAFF: Perrie McMillen

SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 008, 2008, Appropriating Unanticipated Grant Revenue in the General Fund Continuation of the Restorative Justice *Restore* Program.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Police Services has received a grant in the amount of \$20,000 from The Bohemian Foundation, Pharos Fund, for the continuation of the *Restore* Program. No cash match is required.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance appropriates funds received from a grant in the amount of \$20,000 from the Bohemian Foundation for salaries associated with the continued operation of the *Restore* Program.

BACKGROUND

Restore is the part of the Restorative Justice Program that deals with shoplifting offenses. As in Restorative Justice, *Restore* is an alternative method of holding a young offender accountable by facilitating a meeting with the young offender, parents/guardians, a victim/merchant representative and members of the community to determine the harm done by the crime, and what should be done to repair the harm. In a *Restore* session, participants are educated on how shoplifting harms not only the merchant, but many other parts of the community. The objective in a *Restore* session is to help the young offender understand how his actions affect others, and make him accountable for the harm caused by his actions. By addressing all concerns in an open circle, it is hoped that the offender's awareness of how his actions impact others will increase, and he/she will make better future decisions. Community volunteers help the young people understand the harm caused and encourage them to become more productive members of our community. The young offender then has one month to complete contract obligations designed to repair the harm to victim, community, family and self, after which he/she returns for a completion interview with community volunteers. Upon program completion, charges against the offender may be dismissed.

The grant period is from December 1, 2007 to November 31, 2008.

ORDINANCE NO. 008, 2008
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING UNANTICIPATED GRANT REVENUE IN THE GENERAL FUND
FOR CONTINUATION OF THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE RESTORE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Bohemian Foundation awarded the City of Fort Collins Police Services a grant in the amount of \$20,000 for salaries associated with the continued operation of the Restorative Justice RESTORE Program (“RESTORE”); and

WHEREAS, RESTORE is an alternative method of holding young shoplifting offenders accountable for their actions by facilitating conferences with the offender, the victim and community members to identify the harm caused by the incident and to find meaningful ways for the offender to repair that harm; and

WHEREAS, the grant period is from December 1, 2007 to November 30, 2008 and no matching funds are required by the grant; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 9, of the Charter of the City of Fort Collins 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, City staff has determined that the appropriation of the Bohemian Foundation funds 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that there is hereby appropriated from unanticipated revenue in the General Fund the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000) for expenditure in the General Fund for continuation of the Restorative Justice RESTORE Program.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 5th day of February, A.D. 2008, and to be presented for final passage on the 19th day of February, A.D. 2008.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 19th day of February, A.D. 2008.

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