

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 11

DATE: January 19, 1999

STAFF: Glenn Levy/
Dave Agee

SUBJECT:

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 4, 1999, Appropriating Unanticipated Revenue in the Flood Mitigation Fund - Project Impact Grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City has received approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for a grant funded under the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act of 1997 which authorized the Disaster Resistant Community Initiative. The City's Office of Emergency Management, Utilities, and the Poudre Fire Authority will be involved in the implementation of the Initiative in Fort Collins. Ordinance No. 4, 1999, was unanimously adopted on First Reading on January 5, 1999.

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ITEM NUMBER: 19

DATE: January 5, 1999

STAFF: Glenn Levy/
Dave Agee

SUBJECT:

First Reading of Ordinance No. 4, 1999, Appropriating Unanticipated Revenue in the Flood Mitigation Fund - Project Impact Grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Project Impact Grant consists of the following:

- \$500,000 Federal share
- \$166,666 Local share

The \$166,666 local share will be from in-kind contributions from the City and other local businesses or agencies. The City has identified over \$52 million of potential in-kind services to satisfy the local match requirement. This grant reflects a 75% federal/25% local split mandated by Congress.

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The Fort Collins area is subject to potential riverine flooding, flash flooding, sheet flooding, hail, severe summer and winter storms, gale force winds, tornadoes, urban wildland fires, and dam breaks. The heavy rainfall that caused the Flood of 1997 resulted in 5 deaths, 160 injuries, and over \$500 million in losses to individuals, businesses, and institutions. The loss of life and property impacted the whole community.

Fort Collins has a Class 6 rating in the Community Rating System and has implemented many mitigation techniques during the past 20 years. The Project Impact Initiative will provide the community with the next level of mitigation goals - risk reduction through public education and training while incorporating new methods to make the community a safer place to work and live. Implemented actions will maintain and sustain the hazard mitigation capability to support a Disaster Resistant Community.

Results and Benefits

Anticipated results from Project Impact include: (1) increased awareness and education to prepare for and mitigate against the threats facing the community; (2) enhanced education and training combined with promoting mitigation techniques to reduce threats to individuals, families, and businesses; (3) enhanced and strengthened public/private partnerships through planning, hazard assessment, and coordination; (4) improved floodplain management and risk reduction for existing facilities; and (5) education programs to reach school children-our future decision makers.

Benefits derived from these actions will be a new generation of citizens with skills and knowledge of prevention, risk reduction, mitigation and preparedness for the hazards that impact the community. This will result in reduced loss of life and reduced damages in the event of a disaster. The community will be safer because Fort Collins will be more disaster resistant by having well-educated citizens and efficient and cost-effective mitigation methods incorporated into the community.

Among the projects expected to be funded by the grant are: irrigation gate activation, Office of Emergency Management web site, theater-based hazard and mitigation education, school education program, mitigation training videos, Coloradoan newspaper articles, and real time flood inundation mapping and notification system. According to the grant agreement, all of these projects are to be completed by September 30, 2000.

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