

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 14

DATE: October 7, 2008

STAFF: Perrie McMillen

SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 119, 2008, Appropriating Unanticipated Grant Revenues in the General Fund for the Restorative Justice Program and Authorizing the Transfer of Matching Funds Previously Appropriated in the Police Services Operating Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Police Services has received a grant in the amount of \$19,513 from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice, Juvenile Accountability Block Grant, for the continuation of Restorative Justice Services, which includes the RESTORE program for shoplifting offenses and Restorative Justice Conferencing Program (RJCP) for all other offenses. A cash match of \$2,168 (10%) is required and will be met by appropriating the funds from the Police Operating budget.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A grant in the amount of \$19,513 has been received from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) for salaries associated with the continued operation of Restorative Justice Services. A \$2,168 cash match is required and will be met by appropriating funds from the police operating budget. Restorative Justice is an alternative method of holding a young offender accountable by facilitating a meeting with the young offender, the victim/victim representative and members of the community to determine the harm done by the crime, and what should be done to repair the harm. By identifying and repairing the harm caused by the crime, criminal justice officials are optimistic repeat offenses by these youth will be reduced and the needs and concerns of the victims and affected community will be addressed. Restorative Justice Services includes the RESTORE Program for shoplifting offenses, and Restorative Justice Conferencing Program (RJCP) for all other offenses. The grant period is from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

ORDINANCE NO. 119, 2008
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING UNANTICIPATED GRANT REVENUE IN THE GENERAL FUND
FOR THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING
THE TRANSFER OF MATCHING FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED
IN THE POLICE SERVICES OPERATING BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice has awarded the City of Fort Collins Police Services a grant in the amount of \$19,513 for salaries associated with the continued operation of the Restorative Justice Program (the "Program"); and

WHEREAS, the Program is an alternative method to the traditional criminal justice system;
and

WHEREAS, the Program facilitates a meeting with the young offender, the victim, and community members to discuss the harm caused by the young offender and to find meaningful ways for the young person to repair that harm; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires a cash match from the City in the amount of \$2,168 and these funds are currently in the General Fund operating budget for Police Services and available for transfer to the grant project for the Program; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 9, of the City Charter (the "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, City staff has determined that the appropriation of the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice grant 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; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 10, of the Charter authorizes the City Council to transfer by ordinance any unexpected and unencumbered amount or portion thereof from one project to another project, provided that the purpose for which the transferred funds are to be expended remains unchanged.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That there is hereby appropriated from unanticipated revenue in the General Fund the sum of NINETEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTEEN DOLLARS (\$19,513) for expenditure in the General Fund for continuation of the Restorative Justice Program.

Section 2. That the unexpended appropriated amount of TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT DOLLARS (\$2,168) is authorized for transfer from the Police Services operating budget in the General Fund to the Police Services grant project for the Restorative Justice Program and appropriated therein.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 7th day of October, A.D. 2008, and to be presented for final passage on the 21st day of October, A.D. 2008.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Chief Deputy City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 21st day of October, A.D. 2008.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk