

SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 120, 2009, Appropriating Unanticipated Revenue in the General Fund for the Natural Resources Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance appropriates \$1,307,900, received by the City under a Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5, directs the Department of Energy to award formula-based grants to local governments under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program. The Recovery Act's purposes are to stimulate the economy, create and retain jobs, and conserve resources in an expeditious manner.

Fort Collins applied for an EECBG grant, and has been awarded \$1,307,900. Pending Department of Energy approval, these funds would be used for a number of projects as follows:

1. **City Building Load Management, \$35,000**
Automated controls for electric load management to reduce peak demand in four buildings, 281 North Mason, Senior Center, Transit Center, and Transfort.
2. **Educational Outreach, \$40,000**
Education and public relations campaign for energy conservation among City employees, including a web-site to share City practices and monitoring energy-conservation performance of individual departments [energy, trash, fuel, and water].
3. **Waste Diversion, \$42,000**
Additional recycling bins for Parks and Natural Areas, demonstration project on diversion of organic waste with several Climate Wise partners, and cardboard compacting units.
4. **Photo-Voltaic Expansion, \$125,900**
Quadruple capacity of the Northside Aztlan Community Center Photo-voltaic system 20 kW.
5. **Boiler Upgrades, \$140,000**
Replace antiquated boilers with high-efficiency units in the Museum and old Police Buildings.
6. **Server Virtualization, \$185,000**
Purchase innovative computer hardware and software that would enable the retirement & virtualization of 80 inefficient servers.
7. **Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements, \$325,000**
 - a. Install Mountain Avenue sidewalk/bike lanes from Meldrum to Riverside, about 1 1/4 miles
 - b. Extend Lincoln Street pedestrian path in the vicinity of Buckingham Neighborhood, about 1/2 mile
 - c. Pilot-test a Bike Box, an intersection safety improvement for bicyclists, at Plum and Shields Streets.

8. **Green Building Program Implementation, \$245,000**
Review, adopt, implement, and enforce new Green Building Standards, including inspector training and enforcement of current energy codes.
9. **Climate Wise Technical Assistance, \$45,000**
Additional technical assistance to support new and existing Climate Wise partners to implement and report more energy-efficiency projects. Funds will be partially matched by Governor's Energy Office.
10. **Solar Thermal Incentive Program, \$75,000**
Provide incentives for installation of residential and small-business solar thermal hot water systems. Funds will be matched by Governor's Energy Office.
11. **Climate Action Plan Technical Assistance \$30,000**
Data collection, tracking, and progress reporting for the community carbon inventory mandated by the Climate Action Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

The City has been awarded a grant of \$1.3 million to further the energy efficiency and other objectives of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act. The grant requires no match from the City.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 120, 2009
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING UNANTICIPATED REVENUE
IN THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE NATURAL RESOURCES
ENERGY EFFICIENCY COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT

WHEREAS, the Department of Energy has awarded the City \$1,307,900 in grant funds from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant ("EECBG") Program; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds are to be used to stimulate the economy, create and retain jobs, and conserve energy resources; and

WHEREAS, the City plans to use the grant funds to construct bicycle and pedestrian improvements; review, adopt, implement, and enforce new capacity of the green building standards; replace antiquated computer hardware and software; increase the photo-voltaic system at Northside Aztlan Community Center; replace inefficient boilers at the Fort Collins Museum and old Police Building; and implement other, smaller projects; and

WHEREAS, the EECBG Program grant funds require no matching funds from the City; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 9, of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to make supplemental appropriations by ordinance at any time during the fiscal year, provided the total amount of such supplemental appropriations, in combination with all previous appropriations for the 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 EECBG Program grant funds 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 ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,307,900) for expenditure in various Natural Resources projects within the General Fund.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 3rd day of November, A.D. 2009, and to be presented for final passage on the 17th day of November, A.D. 2009.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 17th day of November, A.D. 2009.

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