

DATE: May 4, 2010
STAFF: John Pino

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 049, 2010, Appropriating Unanticipated Grant Revenue and Transferring Prior Year Reserves in the Northern Colorado Drug Task Force Reserve to the General Fund for the Northern Colorado Drug Task Force.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance appropriates grant funds received from the Office of National Drug Control Policy and also transfers \$173,381 from the Northern Colorado Drug Task Force forfeiture reserve account to cover unfunded expenses.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Fort Collins Police Services applied to the Office of National Drug Control Policy on behalf of the Northern Colorado Drug Task Force for federal grant monies to help fund the investigation of illegal narcotics activities in Larimer County. This grant award will be used to offset operating expenses for case-specific investigative expenses. In addition, because of the significant decrease in federal funds available for drug enforcement, the Drug Task Force is transferring \$173,381 from its forfeiture reserve account to its 2010 operating budget to cover unfunded expenses. The majority of the forfeiture reserve account is made up of assets seized from people engaged in illegal drug activities.

This appropriation is not a request to identify new dollars for the Police Services' 2010 budget. This action appropriates the \$25,823 in new federal grant money and authorizes the transfer of \$173,381 from the forfeiture reserve account for unfunded operating expenses for 2010.

The Northern Colorado Drug Task Force currently includes Fort Collins Police Services, Loveland Police Department and the Colorado State University Police Department.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The City has received a grant award on behalf of the Northern Colorado Drug Task Force from the Office of National Drug Control Policy in the amount of \$25,823. In addition, \$173,381 will be transferred from the Northern Colorado Drug Task Force forfeiture reserve account to the City of Fort Collins General fund to establish the 2010 annual operating budget for expenses that are not grant funded. There is no financial impact to the City of Fort Collins as there are no matching funds required.

SUSTAINABILITY: ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACTS

The Northern Colorado Drug Task Force (NCDTF) is a critical component of law enforcement in the community and is made up of sixteen sworn and non-sworn members tasked with identifying, addressing and impacting drug crimes and criminals in Larimer County. The NCDTF is committed in reducing the production, manufacture, transportation, distribution, and chronic use of illegal drugs. NCDTF co-locates officers from several agencies which increases interagency cooperation, enabling the sharing of intelligence information, and making narcotics investigations in the northern Colorado area more efficient and effective.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 049, 2010
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING UNANTICIPATED GRANT REVENUE AND
TRANSFERRING PRIOR YEAR RESERVES IN THE
NORTHERN COLORADO DRUG TASK FORCE RESERVE TO THE
GENERAL FUND FOR THE NORTHERN COLORADO DRUG TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the Office of National Drug Control Policy has awarded Fort Collins Police Services ("FCPS") a grant of federal money in the amount of \$25,823; and

WHEREAS, there are \$173,381 in prior year reserves in the Northern Colorado Drug Task Force Reserve in the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the grant and prior reserve funds will be used by the Northern Colorado Drug Task Force (the "Task Force") to help fund the investigation of illegal narcotics activities and the 2010 annual operating budget of the Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force consists of representatives from FCPS, Loveland Police Department, and the Colorado State University Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the City and FCPS will administer the grant for the Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 9, of the City 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, Article V, Section 9, of the City Charter permits the City Council to appropriate by ordinance at any time during the fiscal year such funds for expenditure as may be available from reserves accumulated in prior years, notwithstanding that such reserves were not previously appropriated; and

WHEREAS, City staff has determined that the appropriation of the 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.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to appropriate unanticipated revenue and prior year reserves in the Northern Colorado Drug Task Force Reserve for transfer to the General Fund for appropriation therein for Police Services for the Northern Colorado Drug Task Force.

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 grant revenue in the General Fund the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$25,823) for expenditure, upon receipt, in the General Fund for Police Services for the Northern Colorado Drug Task Force.

Section 2. That there is hereby appropriated from prior year reserves in the Northern Colorado Drug Task Force Reserve the sum of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$173,381) for transfer to the General Fund, and appropriated therein, for Police Services for the Northern Colorado Drug Task Force.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 4th day of May, A.D. 2010, and to be presented for final passage on the 18th day of May, A.D. 2010.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 18th day of May, A.D. 2010.

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