

**DATE:** July 20, 2010  
**STAFF:** Perrie McMillen

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**  
FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

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**SUBJECT**

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 083, 2010, 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.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Ordinance No. 083, 2010, unanimously adopted on First Reading on July 6, 2010, appropriates a \$21,574 grant that has been received from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice Juvenile Diversion fund. The grant is to be used for salaries associated with the continued operation of Restorative Justice Services, which includes the RESTORE program for shoplifting offenses, and the Restorative Justice Conferencing Program for other offenses committed by youth and young adults.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Copy of First Reading Agenda Item Summary - July 6, 2010  
(w/o attachments)

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**FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL**

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**SUBJECT**

First Reading of Ordinance No. 083, 2010, 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.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A grant in the amount of \$21,574 has been received from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice Juvenile Diversion fund for salaries associated with the continued operation of Restorative Justice Services, which includes the RESTORE program for shoplifting offenses, and the Restorative Justice Conferencing Program for all other offenses. Restorative Justice is an alternative method of holding a young offender accountable by facilitating a meeting with the offender, the victim/victim representative and members of the community to determine the harm done by the crime, and how 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. A \$7,191 cash match is required for the \$21,574 grant and will be met by appropriating funds from the police operating budget.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

Restorative Justice Services (RJS) and its two programs, RESTORE for shoplifting offenses, and Restorative Justice Conferencing Program (RJCP) for all other offenses, has been grant funded since its inception in 2000. Council accepts grant funds from Colorado Division of Criminal Justice and other grant funding agencies yearly to support Restorative Justice Services. The RJS programs are supported by three grants and some funding from the City.

Since it began, Restorative Justice Services has provided a restorative justice alternative to more than 1,700 young people. The objective of the RJS programs is to educate young people who have committed chargeable offenses in the City of Fort Collins about how others are impacted by their actions, words and behaviors. The intent is that young people, who understand how they, their families, friends and community are harmed by their actions, will make better future decisions and not commit the same or similar crime again. Reducing future criminal behavior and keeping young people out of the justice system, both contribute positively to a safer and healthier community.

Without grant funding and the support of the City, Restorative Justice Services would not be a service available to young people and their families, the courts, law enforcement and our community.

**FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC IMPACTS**

The additional grant money in the amount of \$21,574 from Division of Criminal Justice, Juvenile Diversion Grants, provides funding for the continuation of Restorative Justice Services. The match requirement of \$7,191(25%) will be met by appropriating funds from the police operating budget.

Diverting youth and young adults from the justice system relieves pressure on Fort Collins Municipal Court and the 8th Judicial District Court and saves courts personnel time and money. Reducing future shoplifting, theft and other criminal behavior by young people who have participated in the RJS programs will have a long-term positive impact on the economic health of the community by keeping young people out of the justice system, thereby improving their future employment options and encouraging young people to not shoplift or participate in other criminal behavior.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

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There is no known or measurable impact on the environment. In RESTORE, education about the impact of shoplifting on the environment (excess packaging to prevent theft that ends up in our landfill) is part of the program, so there may be some future positive impact on the environment if fewer youth continue to shoplift.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First-Reading.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

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1. RESTORE program information sheet
2. Restorative Justice Conferencing Program information sheet

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ORDINANCE NO. 083, 2010  
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 \$21,574 for operating expenses associated with the operation of the Restorative Justice Program for the 2010-11 grant cycle; and

WHEREAS, the Restorative Justice Program is an alternative to the traditional criminal justice system and the program seeks to hold young offenders accountable by facilitating a meeting with the offender, the victim and members of the community to determine the harm done by the crime, and how to repair the harm; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires a cash match from the City in the amount of \$7,191 and available funds are currently in the General Fund operating budget for Police Services and for transfer to the grant project for the Restorative Justice Program; 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, City staff has determined that the appropriation of the Restorative Justice Services 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 City 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.

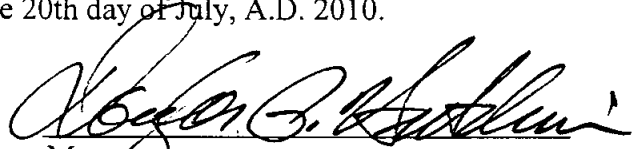
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That there is hereby appropriated from unanticipated revenue in the General Fund the sum of TWENTY ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$21,574) for expenditure in the General Fund to the Police Services grant project for Restorative Justice Services.

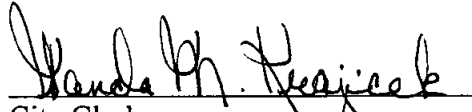
Section 2. That the unexpended appropriated amount of SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY-ONE DOLLARS (\$7,191) is hereby authorized for transfer from the Police

Services operating budget in the General Fund to the Police Services grant project for Restorative Justice Services and appropriated therein.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 6th day of July, A.D. 2010, and to be presented for final passage on the 20th day of July, A.D. 2010.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 20th day of July, A.D. 2010.

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Mayor

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City Clerk