

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

November 19, 2013

City Council

STAFF

Brian Woodruff, Environmental Planner

SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 163, 2013, Appropriating Unanticipated Grant Revenue in the General Fund for the Environmental Services Radon Program and Authorizing the Transfer of Matching Funds Previously Appropriated in the Environmental Services Operating Budget.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to appropriate \$4,973 awarded to the City by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, to transfer a matching amount of \$4,973 from the 2013 General Fund, and to combine these in the Environmental Services Radon Program account. The Radon Program carries out radon risk-reduction activities as identified in the current City Budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

This Ordinance appropriates \$4,973 of unanticipated grant revenues in the General Fund. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment granted these funds to the City for a program to encourage radon testing and mitigation through media advertising and low-cost test kit sales. The grant directly supports radon activities identified in the City budget offer, "Air Quality Improvement." The grant requires a local match of \$4,973. Matching funds for the program will be transferred from the 2013 Environmental Services operating budget. Grant and matching funds would be combined in a new Environmental Services Radon Program account.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC IMPACT

City resources would be increased by \$4,973. Required matching funds have already been appropriated in the 2013 General Fund.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

These funds will be used to lower the lung-cancer risk of Fort Collins residents that have elevated home radon levels.

ORDINANCE NO. 163, 2013
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING UNANTICIPATED GRANT REVENUE IN THE
GENERAL FUND FOR THE NATURAL RESOURCES RADON PROGRAM
AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF MATCHING FUNDS
PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
OPERATING BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Fort Collins Environmental Services Radon Program (the "Program") is part of the City's indoor air quality initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Program is guided by the City's Air Quality Plan and has a policy goal of educating and encouraging residents to reduce exposure to indoor air pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Program currently includes aggressive education, a voluntary radon testing program, and a mandatory radon mitigation in new construction; and

WHEREAS, in addition, City Code Section 12-111 requires the distribution of radon information to all residential home-buyers at point-of-sale; and

WHEREAS, the City has received a grant from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment ("CDPHE") in the amount of \$4,973 to support programming to lower the lung-cancer risk of Fort Collins residents through radon activities identified in two 2013 City Budget offers: Air Quality Improvement and the Radon Mitigation Behavioral Study; and

WHEREAS, the CDPHE grant requires \$4,973 of matching funds, which have been included in the 2013 Environmental Services budget and are available for transfer to the 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 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 CDHE 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 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 grant revenue in the General Fund the sum of FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY THREE DOLLARS (\$4,973) for expenditure in the General Fund for the Environmental Services Radon Program.

Section 2. That the unexpended appropriated amount of FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY THREE DOLLARS (\$4,973) is hereby authorized for transfer from the 2013 Natural Resources operating budget in the General Fund to the Environmental Services Radon Program, in fulfillment of CDPHE grant requirements, and appropriated herein.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 19th day of November, A.D. 2013, and to be presented for final passage on the 3rd day of December, A.D. 2013.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 3rd day of December, A.D. 2013.

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City Clerk