

# AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

September 5, 2017

City Council

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## STAFF

Perrie McMillen, Restorative Justice Program Coordinator  
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## SUBJECT

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 107, 2017, Appropriating Unanticipated Grant Revenue in the General Fund and Transferring Funds from the Community Development and Neighborhood Services Operating Budget to the Grant Budget for the Restorative Justice Program.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on August 15, 2017, appropriates grant revenue to fund Restorative Justice Services within Community Development and Neighborhood Services. A grant in the amount of \$67,612 has been received from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice Juvenile Diversion fund for 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. The grant period for is July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018. This is the first year in a 3-year cycle for the Juvenile Diversion grant.

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## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

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## ATTACHMENTS

1. First Reading Agenda Item Summary, August 15, 2017 (w/o attachments) (PDF)
2. Ordinance No. 107, 2017 (PDF)

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### SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 107, 2017, Appropriating Unanticipated Grant Revenue in the General Fund and Transferring Funds from the Community Development and Neighborhood Services Operating Budget to the Grant Budget for the Restorative Justice Program.

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to appropriate grant revenue to fund Restorative Justice Services within Community Development and Neighborhood Services (CDNS). A grant in the amount of \$67,612 has been received from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) Juvenile Diversion fund for the continued operation of Restorative Justice Services, which includes the RESTORE program for shoplifting offenses, and the Restorative Justice Conferencing Program (RJCP) for all other offenses. The grant period for is July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018. This is the first year in a 3-year cycle for the Juvenile Diversion grant.

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### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

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### BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Restorative Justice Services and its two programs; RESTORE for shoplifting offenses, and RJCP (Restorative Justice Conferencing Program) for all other offenses, has been partially grant-funded since its inception in 2000. The Council yearly accepts grant funds from Colorado Division of Criminal Justice to support Restorative Justice Services. This grant helps fund youth referred to the program from the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office. Since it began, Restorative Justice Services has provided a restorative justice alternative to more than 2,850 young people who committed chargeable offenses in our community.

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.

The programs help young people understand how family, friends, victims and community are harmed by their actions and hold them accountable for the harm they caused. The intention is that these young people 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 contribute positively to a safer and healthier community. Addressing the needs and concerns of crime victims and community members also has a positive effect on the overall health and safety of the community. As part of the programs, youth and families are referred to appropriate community resources based on needs identified during program participation.

Without grant funding and the support of the City, Restorative Justice Services would not be a service

available to young people and their families, crime victims, the courts, law enforcement and our community.

**CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

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The additional grant money in the amount of \$67,612 from Division of Criminal Justice, Juvenile Diversion Grants, provides funding for the continuation of Restorative Justice Services. The match requirement will be met by appropriating \$7,292 from the Neighborhood Services operating budget, designated for restorative justice. The rest is in-kind match; \$9,846 is designated from the City in the form of office space provided for grant funded services and \$5,400 is donated volunteer time from a primary volunteer who assists with administrative duties.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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1. RESTORE information sheet (PDF)
2. RJCP Information sheet (PDF)

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ORDINANCE NO. 107, 2017  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
APPROPRIATING UNANTICIPATED GRANT REVENUE IN THE GENERAL  
FUND AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES OPERATING BUDGET  
TO THE GRANT BUDGET FOR THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice has awarded the City of Fort Collins Community Development and Neighborhood Services (“CDNS”) a grant in the amount of \$67,612 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, providing services to more than 2,850 young people who committed chargeable offenses in the community since 2000; 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 period for this award is from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires a 25% grant match of \$22,538; and

WHEREAS, the City’s cash match of \$7,292 will come from the CDNS operating budget for Restorative Justice and the remaining \$15,246 match requirement will come from the City in the form of office space and volunteers provided for the grant funded services; 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 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 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 the City Council hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That there is hereby appropriated from unanticipated revenue in the General Fund the sum of SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWELVE DOLLARS (\$67,612) for expenditure in the General Fund for continuation of the Restorative Justice Program.

Section 3. That the unexpended appropriated amount of SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-TWO DOLLARS (\$7,292) is hereby authorized for transfer from the Community Development and Neighborhood Services operating budget in the General Fund to the grant project for Restorative Justice Services and appropriated herein.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 15th day of August, A.D. 2017, and to be presented for final passage on the 5th day of September, A.D. 2017.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Interim City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 5th day of September, A.D. 2017.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Chief Deputy City Clerk