

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

January 16, 2018

City Council

STAFF

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SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 013, 2018, 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 Department Operating Budget.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to appropriate unanticipated grant revenue in the General Fund for the Environmental Services Radon Program. This appropriation includes \$7,961 of grant revenues provided by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to support radon testing and mitigation programs. The grant directly supports radon activities identified in the Environmental Services Department's core budget offer, and requires a local match of \$5,307. Matching funds are appropriated and unexpended in the 2018 Environmental Services operating budget, and will be transferred to the Environmental Services radon program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Radon is a priority indoor air quality pollutant in Fort Collins, as it is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers, and second leading cause for smokers (after smoking). Radon tests show that sixty-five percent of homes in Fort Collins test higher than Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) defined "action levels" for mitigating radon gas. The Environmental Services Department will use these grant funds to augment existing programs for education and outreach to raise awareness of the health risks, provision of low cost radon test kits to residents, and resources to help mitigate high radon levels.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

City resources would increase by \$7,961. Required matching funds have already been appropriated in the 2018 General Fund.

BOARD / COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Radon is a priority pollutant identified by the Air Quality Advisory Board, but no formal recommendation was sought for appropriation of the grant funds to augment existing radon program efforts.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Public outreach regarding radon will be conducted throughout the year with radon presentations, provision of outreach materials and radon test kit sales.

ORDINANCE NO. 013, 2018
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
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 DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Fort Collins Environmental Services Radon Program (the "Program") is part of the City's indoor air quality program, which is guided by the Air Quality Plan with a policy goal to educate and encourage residents to reduce their exposure to indoor air pollution; and

WHEREAS, the current radon program includes aggressive education, a voluntary radon testing program, mandatory radon mitigation in new construction, and an ordinance requiring the distribution of radon information to all residential home-buyers at point-of-sale; and

WHEREAS, the City has been awarded a grant from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment ("CDPHE") in the amount of \$7,961; and

WHEREAS, the CDPHE grant funds will be used for the existing Environmental Services Radon Program, which provides low cost radon test kits to residents, education and outreach to raise awareness of the health risks, and resources to help mitigate high radon levels; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires \$5,307 of matching funds, which have been appropriated in the 2017 Environmental Services operating budget and are available for transfer to the Environmental Services Radon 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 CDPHE 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 unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount or portion thereof from one fund or capital project account to another fund or capital project account, provided that the purpose for which the transferred funds are to be expended remains unchanged; and

WHEREAS, the Program benefits public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Fort Collins and the public purpose of educating and encouraging residents to reduce exposure to indoor air pollution.

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 grant revenue in the General Fund the sum of SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$7,961) for expenditure in the General Fund for the Environmental Services Radon Program.

Section 3. That the unexpended appropriated amount of FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVEN DOLLARS (\$5,307) is authorized for transfer from the Environmental Services operating budget in the General Fund to the Environmental Services Radon Program and appropriated therein.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 16th day of January, A.D. 2018, and to be presented for final passage on the 6th day of February, A.D. 2018.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 6th day of February, A.D. 2018.

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