

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

April 21, 2020

City Council

STAFF

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SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 062, 2020, Appropriating an Unanticipated Charitable Donation to the City from Broadcom Inc. to be Used for COVID-19 Relief.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

While this item is not critical or urgent in nature as related to the COVID-19 emergency, it is being presented to Council now because it provides funds to be used to mitigate the effects of the emergency.

The purpose of this item is to appropriate \$100,000 in unanticipated philanthropic revenue in the General Fund for COVID-19 community relief. The intent of the charitable gift, facilitated and secured by City Give, is designated by the donor, Broadcom Inc., to support the critical and expanded needs of essential community services and organizations.

It is the donor's determination the City possesses unique knowledge of urgent community gaps and can serve as a critical gateway as to how monies can be effectively and immediately applied to local emergency relief. Thus, the City will distribute \$75,000 of the total gift to three community partners: Neighbor to Neighbor, New Belgium Bar & Restaurant Relief Fund and Poudre School District. The remaining \$25,000 will be used to support City efforts across its service areas, departments and programs, to include, without limitation, Adopt-A-Neighbor, Safety & Risk Management, Social Sustainability and to launch childcare for essential employees, specifically police and other first responders.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

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City of Fort Collins: COVID-19 Response and Direct Services

City staff are working fast and furiously to respond to increased needs and community challenges. COVID -19 Relief funding will support City efforts across its service areas, departments programs, including, without limitation, Adopt-A-Neighbor, Safety & Risk Management, Social Sustainability and launching childcare for essential employees, specifically police and other first responders.

Neighbor to Neighbor: Emergency Rental Assistance

For over 50 years, Neighbor to Neighbor has assisted residents with housing stability, eviction prevention and home ownership. A charitable gift from Broadcom Inc. would be dedicated to COVID- 19 eviction

emergency rent assistance.

New Belgium Bar & Restaurant Relief Fund

New Belgium Brewing has invested \$100K to provide direct financial assistance of \$350 per displaced bar, food service, and restaurants employees in Fort Collins. The application platform is up and running and has received over 1,000 requests & eligibility verifications for the emergency cash assistance.

Poudre School District: Digital access for Income Challenged Families and Students

Digital access for mobile housing parks; In the last week, PSD placed large-scale mobile hot spots in both Poudre Valley Mobile Home Park, and Harmony Village. Such mobile wi-fi units will be placed in mobile housing parks across the community to ensure robust digital access for income-challenged families and students.

The City will distribute \$75,000 of the total gift via three separate grants of \$25,000 each to the agencies above: Neighbor to Neighbor, New Belgium Bar & Restaurant Relief Fund and Poudre School District.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

This Ordinance will appropriate \$100,000 of unanticipated philanthropic revenue into the General Fund for the transfer of \$25,000 to support COVID-related response and relief efforts across City departments, and \$75,000 for pass-through distribution.

The funds have been received and accepted per City Give Administrative and Financial Policy.

ORDINANCE NO. 062, 2020
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING AN UNANTICIPATED CHARITABLE
DONATION TO THE CITY FROM BROADCOM INC.
TO BE USED FOR COVID-19 RELIEF

WHEREAS, Broadcom Inc. has made a generous charitable donation of \$100,000 to the City to be used by it to support the critical and expanded needs of Fort Collins residents resulting from the unprecedented national and community crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic (the “Pandemic”); and

WHEREAS, Broadcom Inc. has asked that its donation be used by the City in equal amounts of \$25,000 for the following four purposes: (i) to fund the City’s efforts across its service areas, departments and programs to address the effects of the Pandemic, to include, without limitation, Adopt-A-Neighbor, Safety and Risk Management, Social Sustainability and providing child care for essential City employees, specifically police and other first responders, (ii) as a City grant to Neighbor to Neighbor to be used by it for emergency rent assistance as needed by Fort Collins’s income-disadvantaged residents because of the Pandemic, (iii) as a City grant to the New Belgium Bar and Restaurant Relief Fund for financial assistance to food service workers displaced from their jobs by the Pandemic, and (iv) as a City grant to the Poudre School District (“PSD”) for it to provide mobile Wi-Fi units throughout Fort Collins to allow its income-disadvantaged students to access the internet for online instruction at home; and

WHEREAS, this appropriation benefits the public’s health, safety and welfare and serves the public purposes of providing the City with financial assistance to help it address the effects of the Pandemic on it essential employees need for childcare services, providing financial assistance to residents unable to pay for housing for reasons related to the Pandemic, providing financial assistance to food service workers without jobs due to the Pandemic and providing PSD with financial assistance to allow it to provide its income-disadvantaged students with Internet access so they can receive online instruction; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 9 of the City Charter permits the City Council, upon recommendation of the City Manager, 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, the City Manager has recommended the appropriation described herein and determined that this appropriation is available and previously unappropriated from the General Fund and 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 this fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to appropriate the funds donated to it by Broadcom Inc. to be expended by the City and paid to Neighbor to Neighbor, New Belgium Bar & Restaurant Relief Fund and PSD as hereafter provided; and

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 for expenditure from unanticipated charitable revenue in the General Fund the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000) to support City efforts across its service areas, departments and programs to address the effects of the Pandemic, to include, without limitation, Adopt-A-Neighbor, Safety and Risk Management, Social Sustainability and providing child care for essential City employees, specifically police and other first responders.

Section 3. That there is hereby appropriated for expenditure from unanticipated charitable revenue in the General Fund the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000) to fund a grant to Neighbor to Neighbor to be used by it in its Emergency Rental Assistance program.

Section 4. That there is hereby appropriated for expenditure from unanticipated charitable revenue in the General Fund the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000) to fund a grant to the New Belgium Bar & Restaurant Relief Fund program to be used for financial assistance to food service workers displaced by the Pandemic.

Section 5. That there is hereby appropriated for expenditure from unanticipated charitable revenue in the General Fund the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000) to fund a grant to the Poudre School District for use in its Income Challenged Families and Students program to provide internet access to its students for online instruction.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 21st day of April, A.D. 2020, and to be presented for final passage on the 5th day of May, A.D. 2020.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 5th day of May, A.D. 2020.

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