

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

June 16, 2020

City Council

### STAFF

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Perrie McMillen, Mediation/Restorative Justice Supervisor  
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### SUBJECT

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Second Reading of Ordinance No. 078, 2020 Making a Supplemental Appropriation in the General Fund for the Restorative Justice Services Program.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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This item meets the following COVID-19 emergency priority for being on the Council agenda:

- Priority 6 - Items that relate to funding, operation, and business activities that the City must continue despite the current crisis.

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on June 2, 2020, appropriates grant revenue to fund Restorative Justice Services within Community Development and Neighborhood Services (CDNS). The City has received an amendment to an existing grant providing \$12,474 in additional funds from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) Juvenile Diversion fund to support Restorative Justice Services, which includes the RESTORE program for shoplifting offenses, and the Restorative Justice Conferencing Program (RJCP) and Reflect Program for all other offenses. The amendment to the existing grant provides additional funds for a specific project - the creation of videos and other outreach materials to increase awareness for Restorative Justice Services. No match is required. The additional funds were awarded from extra funds the state grant funding agency made available toward the end of the grant cycle (7/1/2019-6/30/2020) and the funds must be spent by June 30, 2020, the end of the current grant cycle.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

### ATTACHMENTS

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1. First Reading Agenda Item Summary, June 2, 2020 (PDF)
2. Ordinance No. 078, 2020 (PDF)

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### SUBJECT

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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This item meets the following COVID-19 emergency priority for being on the Council agenda:

- Priority 6 - Items that relate to funding, operation and business activities that the City must continue despite the current crisis.

The purpose of this item is to appropriate grant revenue to fund Restorative Justice Services within Community Development and Neighborhood Services (CDNS). The City has received an amendment to an existing grant providing \$12,474 in additional funds from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) Juvenile Diversion fund to support Restorative Justice Services, which includes the RESTORE program for shoplifting offenses, and the Restorative Justice Conferencing Program (RJCP) and Reflect Program for all other offenses. The amendment to the existing grant provides additional funds for a specific project - the creation of videos and other outreach materials to increase awareness for Restorative Justice Services. No match is required. The additional funds were awarded from extra funds the state grant funding agency made available toward the end of the grant cycle (7/1/2019-6/30/2020) and the funds must be spent by June 30, 2020, the end of the current grant cycle.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

### BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

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Restorative Justice Services and its three programs: RESTORE for shoplifting offenses, and RJCP (Restorative Justice Conferencing Program) and Reflect Program for all other offenses, has been partially grant funded since its inception in 2000. Council accepts grant funds annually from the 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 3,000 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.

These programs help young people understand how family, friends, victim and community are harmed by their actions and hold them accountable for the harm caused by their actions. 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 both 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.

**CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

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The additional funds for the 2019-20 grant of \$12,474 are designated for an outreach project of creating videos and written materials for increasing awareness of Restorative Justice Services. There is no local match required and funds will be distributed to the City on a reimbursement basis upon completion of the project.

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ORDINANCE NO. 078, 2020  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SERVICES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice (“DCJ”) Juvenile Diversion fund has awarded the City, as an amendment to an existing grant, additional funds in the amount of \$12,474 for the continued operation of Restorative Justice Services; and

WHEREAS, Restorative Justice Services includes the RESTORE program for shoplifting offenses, and the Restorative Justice Conferencing Program and Reflect Program for all other offenses; and

WHEREAS, these additional funds are specifically for the creation of videos and other outreach materials to increase awareness for Restorative Justice Services;

WHEREAS, there is no match of funds required; and

WHEREAS, the appropriation benefits public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Fort Collins and serves the public purpose of expanding awareness of Restorative Justice Services within the community; 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, 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 any 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 to another fund or capital project, provided that the purpose for which the transferred funds are to be expended remains unchanged; the purpose for which the funds were initially appropriated no longer exists; or the proposed transfer is from a fund or capital project in which the amount appropriated exceeds the amount needed to accomplish the purpose specified in the appropriation ordinance.

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 TWELVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$12,474) for expenditure from the General Fund for the Restorative Justice Services program.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 2nd day of June, A.D. 2020, and to be presented for final passage on the 16th day of June, A.D. 2020.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 16th day of June, A.D. 2020.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk