

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 17

DATE: November 15, 2005

STAFF: Perrie McMillen

SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 144, 2005, Appropriating Unanticipated Grant Revenue and Prior Year Reserves in the General Fund for the Restorative Justice Youth Conferencing Program.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Fort Collins Police Services Restorative Justice Youth Conferencing Program has received a grant in the amount of \$20,000 from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice, for the continuation of the Restorative Justice Program. A cash match of \$2,222 is required and will be met by appropriating previous project income (client fees) in the Restorative Justice Youth Conferencing Program. The cash match is currently in General Fund prior year reserves for Police Services.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A grant in the amount of \$20,000 has been received from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice for salaries associated with the continued operation of the Restorative Justice Youth Conferencing Program. Restorative justice is an alternative method of holding a young offender accountable by facilitating a meeting with the youth, the victim and members of the community to determine the harm done by the crime, and what should be done to repair the harm. By learning to understand the impact of their actions on the victim and community, criminal justice officials are optimistic that repeat offenses by these youth will be reduced. A \$2,222 cash match is required and will be met by appropriating previously collected project income from users of this program. The cash match is currently in General Fund prior year reserves for Police Services.

The grant period is from October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006.

ORDINANCE NO. 144, 2005
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING UNANTICIPATED GRANT REVENUE AND PRIOR YEAR RESERVES
IN THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE
YOUTH CONFERENCING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins Police Services has been awarded a grant from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice in the amount of \$20,000 for salaries associated with the continued operation of the Restorative Justice Youth Conferencing Program; and

WHEREAS, restorative justice is an alternative method of holding a youth offender accountable for his or her actions by conferencing with the youth, the victim and community members to define the harm caused by the offense and decide how to repair that harm; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires \$2,222 of City matching funds, which is available through appropriating previous project income (client fees) from the Restorative Justice Youth Conferencing Program; and

WHEREAS, the matching funds have lapsed and are currently in General Fund prior year reserves for Police Services; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 9, of the Charter of the City of Fort Collins (the "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 9, of the Charter permits the City Council to appropriate by ordinance at any time during the fiscal year such funds for expenditure as may be available from reserves accumulated in prior years, notwithstanding that such reserves were not previously appropriated.

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 TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000) for expenditure in the General Fund for the Restorative Justice Youth Conferencing Program.

Section 2. That there is hereby appropriated for expenditure from prior year reserves in the General Fund the amount of TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$2,222) for the Restorative Justice Youth Conferencing Program.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 15th day of November, A.D. 2005, and to be presented for final passage on the 20th day of December, A.D. 2005.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading this 20th day of December, A.D. 2005.

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City Clerk