

ORDINANCE NO. 045, 2026  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF  
COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS GRANT REVENUE  
TO DEVELOP A NEW FORT COLLINS HOUSING ACTION PLAN

A. In 2024, the Colorado General Assembly enacted SB24-174, which requires certain local governments to conduct housing needs assessments. In accordance with SB24-174, the City conducted a regional housing assessment in concert with Larimer County and the City of Loveland. City staff presented the regional housing needs assessment to City Council at its March 10, 2026, Work Session.

B. SB24-174 also requires the City to create a housing action plan (the "Housing Action Plan") by January 1, 2028, and every six years thereafter. The Housing Action Plan must include: a report of the City's progress towards addressing the findings of its housing needs assessment; an assessment of the effect of existing zoning and density permitted in the City; a plan to promote the equitable and efficient development of homes identified in the City's housing needs assessment; locally-appropriate goals, strategies, and actions for promoting the production and preservation of affordable housing; and other requirements.

C. On March 16, 2026, the Colorado Department of Local Affairs ("Colorado DOLA") awarded the City a Housing Planning Grant Program award of \$33,750 to develop the Housing Action Plan (the "Grant"). A copy of the Grant is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

D. The Grant requires a 25% cost share in the amount of \$11,250. City Council previously appropriated sufficient funds for this purpose.

E. This Ordinance appropriates \$33,750 in Colorado DOLA funds to develop the Housing Action Plan. The Grant is a cost reimbursement type award, meaning General Fund expenses will be reimbursed up to \$33,750 for actual expenses to develop the Housing Action Plan.

F. This appropriation benefits the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Fort Collins and serves the public purpose of complying with a state law designed to promote housing options in the community.

G. Article V, Section 9 of the City Charter permits the City Council, upon recommendation of the City Manager, to make a supplemental appropriation by ordinance at any time during the fiscal year, provided that the total amount of such supplemental appropriation, in combination with all previous appropriations for that fiscal year, do not exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues and all other funds to be received during the fiscal year.

H. The City Manager has recommended the appropriation described herein and determined that the funds to be appropriated are available and previously unappropriated from the General Fund and that this appropriation will not cause the total amount appropriated in the General Fund to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues and all other funds to be received in this Fund during this fiscal year.

I. Article V, Section 11 of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to designate in the ordinance when appropriating funds for a federal, state or private grant or donation, that such appropriation shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year in which the appropriation is made, but continue until the earlier of the expiration of the federal, state or private grant or donation or the City's expenditure of all funds received from such grant or donation.

J. The City Council wishes to designate the appropriation herein from the Colorado DOLA for the development of a new Housing Action Plan as an appropriation that shall not lapse until the earlier of the expiration of the grant or the City's expenditure of all funds received from such grant.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from new revenue or other funds in the General Fund the sum of THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$33,750) to be expended in the General Fund to develop a new Housing Action Plan.

Section 2. The appropriation herein for Colorado DOLA funds to create a Housing Action Plan is hereby designated, as authorized in Charter Article V, Section 11, as an appropriation that shall not lapse at the end of this fiscal year but continue until the earlier of the expiration of the grant or the City's expenditure of all funds received from such grant.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading on April 21, 2026, and approved on second reading for final passage on May 5, 2026.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Effective Date: May 15, 2026  
Approving Attorney: Ted Hewitt

Exhibit: Exhibit A – State of Colorado Intergovernmental Grant Agreement