

RESOLUTION 2026-058
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROVING FOCO CREATES GRANT DISBURSEMENTS

A. Section 25-242 of the City Code requires lodging accommodations providers to pay a three percent tax on revenues derived from the furnishing of lodging accommodations.

B. The FoCo Creates Grant Program (“FoCo Creates”), formerly the Fort Fund Grant Program, supports projects and activities that provide arts and cultural programming to the Fort Collins community and visitors. FoCo Creates distributes lodging tax revenues deposited in the City’s Cultural Development and Programming Account and the Tourism Programming Account in accordance with Code Section 25-244.

C. Local non-profit organizations may apply to FoCo Creates for cultural and tourism event support. There are three FoCo Creates funding programs available for applicants: Special Events; Program Support; and Cross-Sector Impact.

D. The City’s Arts and Culture Board reviews proposals for funding from the Cultural Development and Programming Account and the Tourism Programming Account when requested by the Director of the Arts and Culture Department pursuant to Section 2-143(b). Additionally, the Arts and Culture Department’s FoCo Creates Community Grant Panel (the “Panel”) reviews grant applications based on approved guidelines and make recommendations for FoCo Creates disbursements.

E. Arts and Culture Department Director and the Panel recommend funding for various proposals in the Program Support category based on the criteria and considerations set forth in the FoCo Creates Guidelines. The funding recommendations are set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

F. Lodging tax revenues provide a public benefit to the Fort Collins community by funding local cultural development and public programming activities, which in turn drives demand for and use of accommodations.

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

Section 1. The City Council hereby finds that the distribution of funds through the FoCo Creates program as set forth on Exhibit A will promote the cultural and economic health of the community and in doing so will serve a recognized and valuable public purpose.

Section 2. Funds in the amount of Four Hundred Four Thousand Nine Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$404,913) from the City’s Cultural Development and Programming Account and Thirty-Five Thousand Eighty-Seven Dollars (\$35,087) from the City’s

Tourism Programming Account are hereby approved for distribution as set forth in Exhibit A.

Passed and adopted on April 21, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: April 21, 2026
Approving Attorney: Ted Hewitt

Exhibit: Exhibit A – FoCo Creates Grant Disbursements