

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



STAFF

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SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 045, 2026, Making a Supplemental Appropriation of Colorado Department of Local Affairs Grant Revenue to Develop a New Fort Collins Housing Action Plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to appropriate \$33,750 from the Housing Planning Grant Program in the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) to fund the development of a new Housing Action Plan. The Housing Action Plan will address housing needs in the city of Fort Collins.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

On March 16, 2026, the Housing and Community Vitality Department in Sustainability Services was awarded a Housing Planning Grant Program award of \$33,750 from Colorado DOLA to develop a new Housing Action Plan for the City of Fort Collins. The new Housing Action Plan will comply with Colorado SB24-174, State Support for Sustainable Affordable Housing, which outlines requirements for local government planning efforts on housing, with an emphasis on improving affordability and avoiding displacement, while providing flexibility to develop community-based strategies for growth. Under the law, local governments create housing action plans to address local housing needs.

The Colorado DOLA grant funding will support the City of Fort Collins in developing an actionable and compliant Housing Action Plan, including housing goals and related strategies. The Housing Action Plan will build on the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, the findings of which were presented to Council at the March 10, 2026, Work Session. The grant award covers the majority of the cost of hiring a consultant to assist with the development of the Housing Action Plan.

This award has a 25% required cost share of \$11,250, which will be funded by General Funds.

This grant expires January 31, 2028.

There is no requirement that the City sign an agreement for the award. Rather, upon the City submitting the first request for reimbursement under each award/purchase order to Colorado DOLA, the City agrees to all terms and conditions of the award.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

This Ordinance appropriates \$33,750 of unanticipated grant revenue for the City's Housing and Community Vitality Department to prepare a new Housing Action plan.

This award has a 25% required cost share of \$11,250, funded by General Funds.

This is a cost reimbursable award meaning the General Fund will be reimbursed up to \$33,750 for actual expenses under this project.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Regional Housing Needs Assessment and timeline to develop the Housing Action Plan will be presented to the Affordable Housing Board in May 2026.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

No public outreach was conducted related to this grant opportunity. The City conducted robust community engagement, including among underrepresented parties and residents who are housing cost-burdened, as part of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment. The City will continue to ensure participation by key stakeholders during the Housing Action Plan process.

ATTACHMENTS / LINKS

1. Ordinance No. 045, 2026