



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council

STAFF

LeAnn Williams, Director, Recreation
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SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 141, 2022, Making Supplemental Appropriations from the State of Colorado Childcare Operations Stabilization and Workforce Sustainability Grant Program and Reviewing and Approving of the Grant Funding.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to accept two State of Colorado grants funded by the American Rescue Plan Act. The Childcare Operations Stabilization and Workforce Sustainability Grant Program will fund childcare enhancements in City childcare programs.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The Childcare Operations Stabilization and Workforce Sustainability grants provide funding for childcare operational expenses, tuition relief, capital improvements, workforce retention, and health and mental health support. The grants are entitlement grants for licensed childcare providers awarded through the State of Colorado Department of Early Childhood.

The Childcare Operations Stabilization Grant may be used for existing and new childcare operating expenses. The Workforce Sustainability Grant must be used for expenses related to recruiting and/or retaining existing employees.

The grants do not require the City to sign a post-award agreement. Funds must be expended by September 20, 2023.

Monthly reporting and attestations about the use of grant funds is required to receive the next monthly payment.

All expenses that will be paid for by the grants are one-time and will not cause new expenses to be added to future City budgets. There is no City match requirement.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

City resources will increase by \$84,449. These funds will be received from the State of Colorado in the Recreation Fund and spent from the Recreation Fund on the following: childcare programming, tuition assistance, workforce retention, and facility enhancements.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance for Consideration
2. Foothills Activity Center Grant Award