



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council

STAFF

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SUBJECT

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 024, 2023, Appropriating Philanthropic Revenue Received By City Give for Fort Collins Police Services for the Safe Futures Initiative.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this Ordinance, unanimously adopted (6-0) on First Reading on February 21, 2023, is to request appropriation of \$86,000.00 in philanthropic revenue received by City Give for Fort Collins Police Services for the Safe Futures initiative.

In 2019, City Give, a formalized enterprise-wide initiative was launched to create a transparent, non-partisan governance structure for the acceptance and appropriations of charitable gifts.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Like many law enforcement agencies across the nation, Fort Collins Police Services (FCPS) is adopting new industry practices for victim-centered services by hiring civilian professionals for forensics, fraud, and criminal investigations.

Traditionally served by uniformed police officers, this new approach offers a proactive, comprehensive victim-centered approach to public safety and leverages candidates from accounting, criminal justice, and forensic disciplines, who desire to serve their community. The Fort Collins Safe Futures Fund is a designated charitable fund to support the operational needs for innovative, victim-centered police services to address the impact crime has on victims, their families, and witnesses; Leverage technology-based skilled investigative resources; and, assist in the identification of victims of human trafficking and prevent the sexual exploitation of the most vulnerable members of our community.

The purpose of this item is to request appropriation of \$86,000.00 in philanthropic revenue received by City Give for Fort Collins Police Services for the Safe Futures initiative. The charitable support represents a range of generous local giving: \$50,000 from the Blue Ocean Foundation, \$35,000 from UCount, Timberline Church, and \$1,000 from the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado. All gifts are designated for the sole purpose of the Safe Futures initiative.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

This Ordinance will appropriate \$86,000 in philanthropic revenue received by City Give for Fort Collins Police Services for expenditures in the General Fund. The funds have been received and accepted per the City Give Administrative and Financial Policy.

The City Manager has also determined that these appropriations are available and previously unappropriated from the designated funds and will not cause the total amount appropriated in these funds to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues and all other funds to be received in these funds during fiscal year 2023.

These donations have been received and accepted per the City Give Administrative and Financial Policy.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance for Consideration