

# AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



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## PRESENTER

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## SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION

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**Federal Funding Update.**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The purpose of this item is to share information regarding both direct and indirect impacts of federal funding shifts and executive orders on the City of Fort Collins and the community.

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## BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

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As the first executive orders were being issued, the City stood up a small team to meet regularly to better understand the financial and social impacts of the orders. Initial work identified 16 grants, totaling approximately \$41M, that are likely at-risk due to not having an executed contract, the federal program being established under the Biden administration, or the result of a change in focus at the federal level

The City has completed a review of contract language and federal regulations, which provide no concerns over City being reimbursed by federal agencies. There are programs at risk of either ending or not starting. The bulk of these programs are climate related and include EV roadmap work, energy efficient code updates and incentives, energy improvements, and transportation projects.

Following this initial work, a comprehensive listing of federal funding by service area has been created to better demonstrate the use/impact of federal dollars across the organization and community. The County and CSU have also compiled comprehensive lists to their respective organizations. When seen as a whole across the community the dollar amounts are immense and the areas of impact are varied and include research funding, federal land management, wildfire mitigation and response, disaster relief and mitigation, and public health efforts.

Federal layoffs will also have an impact both socially and financially in our community. Estimates have shown that Fort Collins has approximately 1650 to 1800 federal employees with more in the larger region. The number of layoffs locally are still undetermined. It is also possible that building leases will be non-renewed or broken. It is estimated that federal programs lease approximately 900k square feet of lab and office space locally. Utility Services key account staff are working with primary contacts to stay informed and help navigate through potential changes.

It is expected that these actions will trickle down economically to local businesses and ultimately sales tax revenue.

The City has been cognizant of the stress to both our employees and our community members, especially those in marginalized communities, and we continue to message that the City mission and values have not changed. Leadership is working closely with community partners, including the school district, to stay aligned around and aware of community impacts.

Staff will continue to track the continued executive orders and flux in federal funding.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Federal Funding Table
2. Presentation