

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



STAFF

Emily Land, Director of Philanthropy & Strategic Partnerships

SUBJECT

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 142, 2025, Appropriating Philanthropic Revenue Received through City Give for The Gardens on Spring Creek as Designated by the Donor.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on September 2, 2025, appropriates \$326,351 in philanthropic revenue received through City Give to benefit the Gardens on Spring Creek (the “Gardens”). These estate gifts to the Gardens align with both the City’s strategic priorities and the respective donors’ designation.

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

FIRST READING BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The City has long been the beneficiary of local generosity and has a valuable role in our community’s philanthropic landscape. Generosity is demonstrated in both large and modest gifts; each appreciated for its investment in the mission and the range of services the City strives to deliver.

As acknowledged by Section 2.5 of the City’s Fiscal Management Policy 2-revenue, approved by City Council, the City Manager has adopted the Philanthropic Governance Policy to provide for the responsible and efficient management of charitable donations to the City.

This item appropriates \$326,351 from the estate of John Ardary received through City Give. The donor’s estate bequest directed the City to use this generous donation for the benefit of the Gardens.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

This Ordinance will appropriate \$326,351 in unanticipated philanthropic revenue received through City Give for the Gardens.

The donations shall be expended from the designated fund solely for the donor's directed intent. The funds have been received and accepted per City Give Administrative and Financial Policy.

The City Manager has also determined that these appropriations are available and previously unappropriated from their designated City Fund and will not cause the total amount appropriated in those Funds to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

First Reading attachments available in September 2, 2025, agenda materials at the following link: <https://fortcollins-co.municodemeetings.com/>.

1. Ordinance No. 142, 2025