

RESOLUTION 2023-067  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
AGREEMENT WITH LARIMER COUNTY FOR THE FUNDING OF THE COLORADO  
FRONT RANGE TRAIL - POUDRE RIVER TRAIL SEGMENT WITH THE GREAT  
OUTDOORS COLORADO (GOCO) GRANT REIMBURSEMENT

WHEREAS, Larimer County (“County”), in partnership with the City’s Park Planning and Development Division of the Parks Department, the Town of Timnath, and the Town of Windsor applied for and received a grant from Great Outdoors Colorado (“GOCO”) for the completion of the Poudre River Trail (the “Grant”); and

WHEREAS, the Grant will fund construction of gaps in the trail from the Colorado State University Environmental Learning Center (“ELC”) in eastern Fort Collins to River Bluffs Open Space west of Windsor including a spur connection to Windsor’s Kyger reservoir property (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the City’s share of the Project includes closing two gaps of the Poudre River Trail within the City, one between Arapaho Bend Natural Area and the existing Timnath trail system on the east side of I-25, and the other connecting the existing trail near Rigden Reservoir to the ELC, with alternative alignments being explored for the segment of trail between Rigden Reservoir and the ELC; and

WHEREAS, the City’s estimated portion of the Grant allocation is \$1,000,744; and

WHEREAS, the total project cost for the City is estimated at \$1,809,546, and the remainder of the necessary funds have already been appropriated and available for expenditure in the Conservation Trust funds; and

WHEREAS, as the primary applicant on the Grant, the County is responsible for managing the Grant, including executing any necessary grant agreements with GOCO and coordinating reimbursements, and the County has asked the City to enter into an agreement, shown on Exhibit “A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, to document the City’s and County’s obligations with respect to the Grant (the “IGA”); and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 16 of the City Charter empowers the City Council, by ordinance or resolution, to enter contracts with governmental bodies to furnish governmental services and make charges for such services, or enter cooperative or joint activities with other governmental bodies; and

WHEREAS, Section 29-1-203 of the Colorado Revised Statutes provides that governments may cooperate or contract with one another to provide certain services or facilities when such cooperation or contracts are authorized by each party thereto with the approval of its legislative body or other authority having the power to so approve; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that entering into the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the County is in the best interests of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute the IGA, pursuant to which the County will reimburse the City for costs related to completion of the Poudre River Trail, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A," together with such modifications and additions as the City Manager, in consultation with the City Attorney, determines are necessary or appropriate to protect the interests of the City or further the purposes of this Resolution, as set forth above.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 18th day of July, 2023.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deputy City Clerk