

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



STAFF

Nina Bodenhamer, City Give Director

SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 020, 2025, Appropriating Unanticipated Philanthropic Revenue Received by City Give for Immigration Legal Fund, Neighborhood Services as Designated by the Donor.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to request an appropriation of \$100,000 in philanthropic revenue received by City Give from the Colorado Health Foundation for the designated purpose of the Immigration Legal Fund.

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 the adoption of the Ordinance on 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.

Both Section 2.5 of the City's Financial Management Policy 2 – Revenue, as approved by Council, and the Administrative Philanthropic Governance Policy 6.04, adopted by the City Manager, (together the "City Give Policies"), provide the bases and processes for the responsible and efficient management of charitable donations to the City.

This item requests an appropriation of \$100,000 in philanthropic revenue received from the Colorado Health Foundation into an established fund within the City and for expenditure authority against that amount for the purposes set forth in that fund. The Colorado Health Foundation invests in programs, services, and policies that promote health equity and racial justice across our state.

In 2021, Council authorized creating the Municipal Immigration Legal Defense Fund by approving Ordinance No. 064, 2021, to establish a pilot program to provide necessary and important public services. Continued funding for the program (the "Program") has been approved in the 2025 and 2026 City budget. The Program is administered in the City by Sustainability Services appropriations support services related

to Fort Collins residents' immigration issues, including, but not limited to, the following: pursuing a pathway to citizenship or permanent residency, legal representation, education and outreach, and legal clinics.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

Upon adoption, this Ordinance will appropriate in the current fiscal year into the Municipal Immigration Legal Defense Fund new philanthropic revenue received by City Give in the amount of \$100,000 and authorize expenditures against those revenues for purposes of the Program. These revenues have been received and accepted per the City Give Policies.

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

1. Ordinance for Consideration