

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



STAFF

Nina Bodenhamer, City Give Director

SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 019, 2025, Appropriating Unanticipated Philanthropic Revenue Received by City Give for Fort Collins Public Safety Services as Designated by the Donor.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to request an appropriation of \$450,000 in philanthropic revenue received by City Give from the Woodward Charitable Trust per the donor's designated purpose.

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 City 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 \$450,000 in philanthropic revenue received from Woodward Charitable Trust into an established fund within the City and for expenditure authority against that amount for the designated repurposing of the currently unused jail space into a co-working environment for the newly established Mental Health Response Team (MHRT). This space, designed to foster collaboration, will serve as the operational hub for three officer-clinician teams comprised of licensed professional counselors and clinicians, addiction counselors,

The Mental Health Co-Responder Program was designed to achieve two essential objectives: 1) to connect families and individuals in crisis with the appropriate community services they need, and 2) to improve the safety of both these individuals and the officers who respond to them. With an opportunity to foster

collaboration among teams from diverse specialties, departments, and agencies, we can significantly enhance their effectiveness and broaden their impact in our community.

This gift will underwrite the design and remodel of the entire lower level of the Timberline station to create ten workspaces plus two offices. The renovated space will not only house the MHRT unit but also create options to include other community-based units such as the dedicated homelessness response team.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

Upon adoption, this Ordinance will appropriate in the current fiscal year into the General Fund new philanthropic revenue received by City Give in the amount of \$450,000 and authorize expenditures against those revenues for the purpose of renovating City property to build out a co-working environment for the newly established Mental Health Response Team (MHRT). 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 the General Fund and will not cause the total amount appropriated in the General Fund to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenue during fiscal year 2025.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance for Consideration