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**To:** [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Please support wildlife health and rehabilitation in the 2022 city budget  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 24, 2022 5:10:13 PM  
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**Sent:** Sunday, August 21, 2022 6:19 PM  
**To:** City Leaders <[CityLeaders@fcgov.com](mailto:CityLeaders@fcgov.com)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please support wildlife health and rehabilitation in the 2022 city budget

Hello Fort Collins Leaders!

I am writing today to ask that you prioritize and support local wildlife rehabilitation teams within the city's 2022 budget. Our local licensed wildlife rehabilitation teams need the city's support when it comes to supporting efforts to protect the biodiversity that makes our community beautiful!

Thank you!

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**To:** [Chad Peeples](#); [City Leaders](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Please support wildlife health and rehabilitation in the 2022 city budget  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 24, 2022 2:00 PM  
**To:** City Leaders <CityLeaders@fcgov.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please support wildlife health and rehabilitation in the 2022 city budget

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Thank you!

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**From:** [Lawrence Pollack](#)  
**To:** [Kelly DiMartino](#); [Rupa Venkatesh](#); [Amanda King](#)  
**Cc:** [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Immigration LDF ~ Fondo para Defensa Legal  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 31, 2022 1:25 PM  
**To:** City Leaders <[CityLeaders@fcgov.com](mailto:CityLeaders@fcgov.com)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Immigration LDF ~ Fondo para Defensa Legal

Fort Collins City Council,

(Sigue en Español)

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**Cc:** [City Leaders](#); [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Add Immigration LDF to City Budget! ~ Agregue el fondo para Inmigrantes al Presupuesto!  
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**From:** Keilly Leon <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 31, 2022 2:39 PM  
**To:** City Leaders <CityLeaders@fcgov.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Add Immigration LDF to City Budget! ~ Agregue el fondo para Inmigrantes al Presupuesto!

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**Cc:** [City Leaders](#); [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Immigration LDF ~ Fondo para Defensa Legal  
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**From:** Helen Leon <[info@sg.actionnetwork.org](mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org)>  
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**To:** City Leaders <[CityLeaders@fcgov.com](mailto:CityLeaders@fcgov.com)>  
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**Cc:** [City Leaders](#); [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] DEI Efforts / Esfuerzos para la Diversidad, Equidad e Inclusion  
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**To:** City Leaders <[CityLeaders@fcgov.com](mailto:CityLeaders@fcgov.com)>  
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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Immigration LDF  
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**From:** Debbie Hayhow <[info@sg.actionnetwork.org](mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 7:39 AM  
**To:** City Leaders <[CityLeaders@fcgov.com](mailto:CityLeaders@fcgov.com)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Immigration LDF

Fort Collins City Council,

Dear Fort Collins City Council Members,

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Sincerely,  
Debbie Hayhow

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**Cc:** [City Leaders](#); [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Add Immigration LDF to City Budget! ~ Agregue el fondo para Inmigrantes al Presupuesto!  
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**From:** Marianne Flenniken <[info@sg.actionnetwork.org](mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org)>  
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**To:** City Leaders <[CityLeaders@fcgov.com](mailto:CityLeaders@fcgov.com)>  
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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] DEI Efforts / Esfuerzos para la Diversidad, Equidad e Inclusion  
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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Add Immigration LDF to City Budget! ~ Agregue el fondo para Inmigrantes al Presupuesto!  
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**To:** City Leaders <[CityLeaders@fcgov.com](mailto:CityLeaders@fcgov.com)>  
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**From:** Beth DeHaven <[info@sg.actionnetwork.org](mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org)>  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please Add Immigration LDF to City Budget

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Through my own church and partnership through ISAAC, I and others I know are committed to helping supplement the city funds so that all immigrants here will have access to legal defense resources when needed.

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I personally know families who have legitimate rights and needs to be in the USA, and in Fort Collins in particular, who would not be able to afford the legal counsel they need on their own. Aside from the numbers, these families have unique stories and deserve the chance to stay and move forward together with legitimate legal status. For the families I know, a few meetings with an attorney and help with paperwork and filing fees can mean the difference between families staying together or being forced apart. I encourage you to increase the support for legal services available through the Fort Collins immigrant legal defense fund.

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Mayor Arndt, Mayor Pro Tem Francis, Councilmembers Gutowsky, Pignataro, Canonico, Peel, and Ohlson:

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board offers the following guidance for the prioritization of the Parks and Recreation Budget Offers for the 2023-2024 budget:

60.4	Master Planning Existing Parks
60.6	9/11 Memorial at Spring Park
60.5	Traverse Park Community Garden
60.7	Traverse Park Community Garden
43.24	2.0 FTE Hourly conversion to classified certified childcare staff
43.25	2.0 FTE Hourly conversion to classified Recreation Specialists
43.26	3.0 FTE Classified Building Attendants
43.28	Customer Data Base and Registration Software Upgrade
59.44	Contractual Pruning of Large Diameter Trees
54.9	3.0 FTE Worker I, Parks and Trails Expansion
54.10	1.0 FTE Park Technician for Playground Maintenance
58.2	3.0 FTE New Streetscapes Maintenance
54.6	Rolland Moore Park Infrastructure Replacement
54.7	Parks Hard Surface Trails Infrastructure Replacement
54.8	Parks Landscape Conversion and Irrigation Infrastructure Replacement
54.12	Wallenberg Spur Trail-Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Partnership
54.13	Parks Accessibility Improvements

These prioritized offers align with multiple Council Priorities, especially:

- 27 – Access funding for parks,
- 28 – Improve tree policies,
- 25 – Affordable, Quality, and Accessible Childcare Infrastructure, and
- 30 – Implementation of the 15-minute community concept.

These offers are also directly aligned to the 2022 Strategic Plan’s recommendations for Culture & Recreation, the comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and the City Park Central Core Master Plan.

As a Board we encourage an emphasis on maintaining existing Park assets and investing in the Infrastructure Replacement Program (**offers 59.44, 54.9, 54.10, 58.2, 54.6, 54.7, 54.8, 54.12, and 54.14**).

**Offers 54.6, 54.7, 54.8, 54.12, and 54.14** direct funding to long-overdue infrastructure replacements at Rolland Moore Park, maintenance of trail surfaces, irrigation equipment, and landscape conversion, and enable accessibility improvements throughout all our City parks. The longer these particular cans are kicked down the road, the more unsafe conditions may become, and the more urgent and expensive repairs and maintenance will be.

**Offers 54.9, 54.10, and 58.2** help fund parks workers (including a playground maintenance technician and streetscape maintenance workers). As we have seen at Crescent Park, Rossborough Park, and other neighborhood parks, neighbors are willing to work side-by-side with Parks staff to help offset issues resulting from decreased staffing, but without the investment on behalf of the City, their efforts will be hindered by larger and larger needs that will quickly exceed the reach of local volunteer efforts.

The City must maintain its growing list of assets and fund the replacement of those assets that are at the end of their useful life, especially as our City grows while more neighbors are utilizing the same assets, and neighbors must increasingly commute to their recreational amenities of choice.

Similarly, we cannot understate the importance of appropriate staffing levels to keep normal and safe operations at our Recreation facilities. **Offers 43.24, 43.25, and 43.26** are direct requests for increased staffing with that goal in mind.

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Funding this offer will drastically improve the user experience for both neighbors and staff, give Parks & Recreation insight into the demographics of the users while also making the data loading process easier.

This offer directly removes systemic equity barriers to the registration process for neighbors in young family, low-income, or minority populations who have only a cell phone who cannot currently register using those devices, and highlight opportunities to bring a more diverse and representative neighbor base into our recreation programs.



This software will be used for all Recreator enrollments as well as field and shelter reservations for Parks, replacing two systems and will save the Parks and Recreation departments hours upon hours of staff time and our neighbors a lot of frustration and wasted effort. We believe this offer would pay for itself very quickly based on the investment of staff time on maintaining and training on the overly-difficult RecTrack software.

Finally, with an eye to the future, we would also highlight **offers 60.4, 60.6, 60.5, and 60.7.**

**Offer 60.4** enables the Parks Planning Department to get ahead of the Infrastructure Replacement Plan and future refresh efforts through framework plan development at existing parks, a key recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Plan.

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As you are making decisions on the 2023-2024 budget, please consider these recommended budget offers.

Thank you,

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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Gracias por su apoyo a un Fondo de Defensa Legal (LDF) experimental que aprobaron en Fort Collins el 6 de julio de 2021. El programa experimental de la ciudad ha sentado las bases para una mejor integración de los inmigrantes en nuestra comunidad. Todos, sin importar quiénes sean, deben tener la oportunidad de presentar su caso de manera justa, teniendo a alguien que pueda defender sus intereses.

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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] DEI Efforts / Esfuerzos para la Diversidad, Equidad e Inclusion  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 10:06:04 AM

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] DEI Efforts / Esfuerzos para la Diversidad, Equidad e Inclusion

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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] DEI Efforts / Esfuerzos para la Diversidad, Equidad e Inclusion  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 3:20:11 PM

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**Cc:** [City Leaders](#); [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Add Immigration LDF to City Budget!  
**Date:** Friday, September 9, 2022 12:25:37 PM

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**To:** City Leaders <[CityLeaders@fcgov.com](mailto:CityLeaders@fcgov.com)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Add Immigration LDF to City Budget!

Fort Collins City Council,

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your support of a Fort Collins pilot Legal Defense Fund (LDF) on July 6th, 2021. The city's pilot program has laid the foundation for better immigrant integration in our community. Everyone, no matter who they are, should have the opportunity to present their case in a fair and just manner, by having someone who can advocate for their interests.

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**To:** [Mark Kempton](#)  
**Cc:** [City Leaders](#); [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Budget feedback on offer 25.20 College and Trilby  
**Date:** Friday, September 9, 2022 5:04:20 PM

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**From:** Mark Kempton <marklkempton@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 9, 2022 4:38 PM  
**To:** City Leaders <CityLeaders@fcgov.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Budget feedback on offer 25.20 College and Trilby

Hello Council Members,

I was hoping that during the 2023/24 budget process that you could have the BFO team explain why the College/Trilby intersection improvements are ranked as unfunded. This intersection is in dire need of an upgrade. The half to three quarter mile traffic backups, the high accident rate, and the large amount of proposed development in the vicinity require urgent upgrades to the road. Please reconsider the non funding of this intersection and fund it for immediate improvement. City staff have been continuously messaging that the intersection will be improved next year and according to the recommended budget, there will be no improvements.

Thanks

Mark Kempton

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**From:** [Rupa Venkatesh](#)  
**To:** [jenn.leijabonnart@gmail.com](mailto:jenn.leijabonnart@gmail.com); [City Leaders](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Immigration LDF ~ Fondo para Defensa Legal  
**Date:** Monday, September 12, 2022 8:03:33 AM  
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**To:** City Leaders <[CityLeaders@fcgov.com](mailto:CityLeaders@fcgov.com)>  
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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] DEI Efforts  
**Date:** Monday, September 12, 2022 8:04:01 AM  
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**To:** City Leaders <[CityLeaders@fcgov.com](mailto:CityLeaders@fcgov.com)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] DEI Efforts

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\*\*\* This council is exciting, because you are aware of these needs and you have been brave in addressing pressing issues often left unseen in broad society. I hope this is another example of that vision.

Mike

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**To:** [James Burtis](#); [City Leaders](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Funding for West Elizabeth Enhanced Travel Corridor  
**Date:** Monday, September 12, 2022 8:05:47 AM  
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**From:** James Burtis <burtis.james@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 9, 2022 7:48 PM  
**To:** City Leaders <CityLeaders@fcgov.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Funding for West Elizabeth Enhanced Travel Corridor

Dear Mayor Arndt, City Council Members, and Ms. DiMartino,

My name is James Burtis and it has recently come to my attention that the current draft of the city budget put forward by our city manager does not recommend funding the full design of the West Elizabeth Enhanced Travel Corridor. I am contacting you to ask that you consider funding this project.

The West Elizabeth corridor is one of the highest density areas in Fort Collins. It is also populated largely by students and middle class workers. Bus routes that move along this corridor currently have some of the highest ridership in the city. In addition to moving students and workers to and from CSU and improving multi-modal options, the BRT route in this plan would connect directly to the MAX. This would directly connect two of the city's highest density areas (Elizabeth and Old Town) and also connect both to the businesses along South College.

I realize that the \$2.5 million requested is a substantial investment, but strongly believe that it supports strategic outcomes (1.5, 4.1, 4.2, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 7.1) as outlined in the 2022 strategic plan. Timing is also critical, as the completion of the full design for this project will make it eligible for federal funding. Given the increase in funding temporarily available from the recent passage of the infrastructure and climate bills, this project should be prioritized, so that designs can be ready to apply for the new lines of funding created by these laws. It is possible that by 2025, when the next budget is drafted, it will be too late to take advantage of this new transportation funding.

If our city truly wishes to hit our stated climate, community, and equity goals, we must invest in high quality public and multi-modal transportation options. I therefore strongly believe you should push to fund this project in 2023 as you consider revisions to the city manager's current draft of the budget.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

-James Burtis

**From:** [Rupa Venkatesh](#)  
**To:** [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Budget "23-"24: Request to fund three currently unfunded items  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 13, 2022 8:39:16 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Greetings, City Leaders!

As you review the City budget for 2023-2024, I hope you will consider funding the following budget item requests. Their impact on equity and resilience is significant.

**Neighborhood Livability and Social Health:**

- **24.6: ARPA Neighborhood-Led Resilience Programs & Projects:** This program would be quite beneficial to historically underrepresented populations and communities, leading to a sense of empowerment and belonging for people who often feel marginalized, even within our very progressive city. Programs and projects such as this give a voice to people who often don't feel heard, or don't feel they have the *right* to be heard due to life experiences. By helping such residents envision and realize their best communities, we help not only these residents but our Fort Collins community as a whole.
- **24.12: Mobile Home Park Code Compliance Program:** Code compliance within manufactured home parks currently involves much of the onus being placed on park residents to initiate complaints in a much more time-consuming fashion than for "regular" homes/neighborhoods. In addition, at least in our park, complaints over years to management about hazardous driveways/sidewalks went unresolved for the most part until a letter-writing campaign by residents to City building inspectors. [Though many of the driveways have been replaced, over a year later there are still a number untouched and hazardous.] Proactive code compliance in MHPs would be beneficial on many levels for residents and management, at little cost to the City.

**Environmental Health:**

- **1.10 - ARPA - Manufactured Home Efficiency Acceleration Initiative:** As I had previously mentioned in my August 19th email to you folks regarding support for this program, this project would help the City's environmental goals, and it will benefit the most vulnerable with higher quality of life and reduction in the risk of home displacement.

I appreciate your consideration and service to our community. Thank you!

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Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

**From:** [Lawrence Pollack](#)  
**To:** [Seth Stepleton](#)  
**Cc:** [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Fund Offer 50.15 Art to Live  
**Date:** Thursday, September 15, 2022 12:25:10 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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**Sent:** Thursday, September 15, 2022 10:01 AM  
**To:** Lawrence Pollack <LPollack@fcgov.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fund Offer 50.15 Art to Live

Hello!

I am reaching out to encourage you to fund 50.15 ARPA Support for Individual Creatives in the Community (Art to Live). This important program would help artists afford housing, give artists the time and space to create, and keep artists in Fort Collins.

Our city has so many programs supporting artists and this one is so important to fund the artistic process and turn Fort Collins into a cultural hotspot by supporting the livelihood of artists. We need to address issues in Fort Collins and our communities and this is the way forward for Fort Collins.

Warmest regards,

Dr. Seth Stepleton

(This is a personal email and not endorsed by my school.)



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**Date:** Monday, September 19, 2022 11:10:06 AM  
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**Cc:** Jeni Arndt <[jarndt@fcgov.com](mailto:jarndt@fcgov.com)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Some needed repairs and budget input

Hi Shirley,

I had hoped to make it to your listening session on Saturday but wasn't able to make it. I noticed that the city budget process has begun so I thought this would be a good time to reach out. I know most of the focus of the budget is on "big picture" type issues, but I think council needs to also keep their pulse on some of the details of how the city is run. Based on my experiences the city does a good job of managing planned projects, such as regular street paving. However, the city does a poor job of dealing with non-planned repairs. This has been the case for many years, but I'll cite two current examples. The first is the state of the Spring Creek trail. The attached photo was taken just west of Drake Road, but a similar situation exists just west of Shields street. As you can see in the attached photo, the trail surface jumps up over 1". It's been this way for over a year and the city knows because someone has painted it. The second example is the safety railing over the Spring Creek trail tunnel on the west side of Taft Hill Road. This railing was damaged more than a year ago. Again, the photo shows that someone came out and put up a temporary fence. But it's been so long that the temporary fence now needs repair.

I think the vast majority of the community would agree that issues such as these should be fixed quickly. From a budget perspective, I think it's also a slam dunk. For example, the city recently spent a sizable sum on a new traffic signal at Drake and Hampshire roads, just to improve cycling. The cost/benefit of this new light is much less than the cost/benefit of taking care the repairs I listed.

I think we need to address the underlying cause of these problems. Why is it that the city takes so long to repair problems that we would all like repaired quickly? Is it funding? Maybe, but neither of these issues are terribly expensive to fix. Is it the city's "work order" process? Maybe. Or lack of productivity among city employees? Maybe, but maybe not. I don't know, and I'm guessing you don't know either. And that's the point. I suggest that council finds out. I'll leave it up to you and council how best to do that. If you determine that a consultant/auditor needs to be hired than now would be a good time to put some money in the budget for that.

Thanks for all of your work on Council.

Regards,

Rob Haas

970-402-9236



**From:** [Dawn Kennedy](#)  
**To:** [Joseph Miranda](#)  
**Cc:** [Amy Resseguie](#); [City Leaders](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] In support of specific budget items at city council meeting today  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022 8:41:49 AM

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**From:** Joseph Miranda <josephenrymiranda@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022 8:33 AM  
**To:** City Leaders <CityLeaders@fcgov.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] In support of specific budget items at city council meeting today

Hello!

My name is Joseph Miranda, and I am a resident of Fort Collins. I am sending this email to support the following budget items for todays meeting.

Support the legal defense fund more thoroughly! (Neighborhood Livability and Social Health: 24.8 - Immigration Legal Fund)

Increase community engagement even more. (High Performing Government: Offer 20.8). This means provide more funding for this are! \$30,000 is not enough.

Maintain language justice (51.65, 28.6, and 28.9) Break down language barriers in the city. Make budget items and government work easily understandable by our community!

Fund offer 50.15 Art to Live! As an artist myself I really think this offer needs support. It will directly impact and improve the lives of artists in our city, continuing to, and helping to aid the improvement of our overall health as a culture in Northern Colorado. Let's support a vibrant, beautiful, and meaningful City of Fort Collins!

Thanks for reading,

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**From:** [Dawn Kennedy](#)  
**To:** [Sabrina Herrick](#)  
**Cc:** [Amy Resseguie](#); [City Leaders](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] City budget  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022 9:48:53 AM

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**From:** Sabrina Herrick <sabrinamherrick@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022 9:23 AM  
**To:** City Leaders <CityLeaders@fcgov.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] City budget

To whom it may concern,

I heard there will be a meeting today about next year's city budget.

One thing I am very concerned about is addressing housing in Fort Collins.

Housing prices are rising and many people are struggling as a result. I support any and all budget allocations for projects that will make housing more affordable for Fort Collins residents.

Additionally, there are many people who are already unhoused in this town who are struggling to find housing. Many are being told that there is a several year wait list to get into affordable housing. In the meantime, they are living on the street and/or in their cars.

While these people wait for assistance, they are being chased around town by the cops, getting threatened with tickets for "camping." So they move somewhere else, and then shortly thereafter, the cops turn up and threaten them with another "camping" ticket.

Where are they supposed to go? Googling "Fort Collins homeless shelter" doesn't turn up a city run homeless shelter, only faith based non-profits. Additionally, I know from personal experience that one of the 1st 3 results that pops up isn't even a true homeless shelter, just a place that provides pamphlets and showers, and doesn't complain too much if people sit on their sidewalk at all hours.

The city and our society in general are failing these people on so many levels and it is shameful.

I support all budget allocations that will get unhoused people into housing.

I do NOT support budget allocations that harass unhoused people for needing support that the city is not adequately providing.

Thank you for your time,  
Sabrina Herrick  
1001 Emigh st #208  
Fort Collins, CO 80524

**From:** [Kelly DiMartino](#)  
**To:** [Sophia](#)  
**Cc:** [City Leaders](#); [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Regarding the meeting about next year's city budget  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022 3:28:27 PM  
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**From:** Sophia <sparmenphoto@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022 2:34 PM  
**To:** City Leaders <CityLeaders@fcgov.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Regarding the meeting about next year's city budget

To whom it may concern,

One thing I am very concerned about is addressing housing in Fort Collins.

Housing prices are rising and many people are struggling as a result. I support any and all budget allocations for projects that will make housing more affordable for Fort Collins residents.

Additionally, there are many people who are already unhoused in this town who are struggling to find housing. Many are being told that there is a several year wait list to get into affordable housing. In the meantime, they are living on the street and/or in their cars.

While these people wait for assistance, they are being chased around town by the cops, getting threatened with tickets for "camping." So they move somewhere else, and then shortly thereafter, the cops turn up and threaten them with another "camping" ticket.

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Thank you for your time,

Sophia Parmenter  
918 Vanderbilt CT  
Ft Collins

**From:** [Dawn Kennedy](#)  
**To:** [Torin Kaletsky](#)  
**Cc:** [City Leaders](#); [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Budget Feedback  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 21, 2022 10:54:03 AM

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**From:** Torin Kaletsky <tkaletsky@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022 6:55 PM  
**To:** City Leaders <CityLeaders@fcgov.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Budget Feedback

Good evening Mayor and Council:

Please find below my notes, which relate to the budget discussion.

**Thank you for not funding:**

13.12 14 police officers NOT Funded  
13.23 District One Office Buildout NOT Funded  
13.37 Portable radios NOT Funded

**Thank you for funding:**

24.3 mediation and restorative justice Funded  
24.7 ARPA eviction legal fund Funded  
31.1 Social Sustainability Leadership / Housing & Homelessness / Community Support Funded  
31.2 Social Sustainability Leadership and Funding for Human Services & Affordable Housing Funded  
31.3 Homelessness Initiatives/Programs Ongoing City Support Funded  
31.4 Affordable Housing Capital Fund Funded  
31.11 Homelessness Initiatives & Programs Increase Funded  
31.12 ARPA - Homelessness Initiatives - Recovery & Stabilization Funded  
31.13 ARPA - 1.0 FTE - Contractual Social Sustainability Recovery Specialist Funded  
31.20 ARPA - Affordable Housing Land Bank Expansion Funded

**The following items I ask that you please reconsider:**

13.42 4 police officers Funded - Since the police are achieving their self-published goals and since they are already having trouble filling vacant positions, I do not feel it necessary to increase the size of their workforce.  
24.8 immigration legal fund NOT Funded - This item has the possibility to make Fort Collins a more welcoming place for our neighbors, and I think we should do everything we can to make that happen and make this city truly world class.  
31.14 1.0 FTE - Affordable Housing Specialist NOT Funded  
31.19 ARPA - Expansion of the Affordable Housing Fund NOT Funded  
31.21 ARPA - Affordable Housing Fee Credit Fund NOT Funded  
31.22 ARPA - Affordable Housing Utilities Fee Relief Program NOT Funded

The above items will make this city more affordable at a time when affordability is absolutely critical for our community.

Thank you, and best of luck in finalizing the budget.

Cheers,

Torin Kaletsky

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District 3



**From:** [Kelly DiMartino](#)  
**To:** [Michele Pullaro](#)  
**Cc:** [City Leaders](#); [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Flowers in Down Town Fort Collins  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 21, 2022 12:48:54 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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**From:** Michele Pullaro <mmpullaro@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2022 10:50 AM  
**To:** City Leaders <CityLeaders@fcgov.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Flowers in Down Town Fort Collins

Hello,

I have watched the City Council meeting video that was held september 13. 2022. I am a Small Business Owner in DownTown Fort Collins. My store is: Peacock's Perch at 162 S. College Avenue. I am located on the corner of Oak and College on the Northeast corner. I would like to share my thoughts with you regarding funding of the flowers.

My customers come from all over Colorado and neighboring states like Wyoming, Nebraska, and Kansas specifically to visit our downtown. They frequently comment that our downtown is not like any other downtowns that they have been to. They also frequently comment on how clean our city is and how much we care about the aesthetics. Which makes it a pleasure for them to visit. However, the crime rate has been increasing and I am concerned that if the flowers in downtown are not at least maintained then our businesses and livelihoods will be impacted because the appearance of the area will resemble the crime activity. It might seem like a far reach to equate flowers with crime prevalence. But, downtown is the "face" of Fort Collins and we should represent the good that we have to offer. The importance of presentation should not be underrated or ignored. I fully support funding of the flowers. The flowers are a symbol of downtown and our thriving community. They indicate to visitors that they have arrived in the heart of Fort Collins. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Michele Pullaro

**From:** [Kelly DiMartino](#)  
**To:** [Julia Houx](#)  
**Cc:** [City Leaders](#); [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] downtown flowers  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 21, 2022 3:30:37 PM  
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**From:** Julia Houx <julia@stpetes.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2022 1:48 PM  
**To:** City Leaders <CityLeaders@fcgov.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] downtown flowers

Hello,

I am writing this to express my support for continuing to fund the flowers downtown.  
It is something that truly enriches the downtown experience.  
We have countless comments from visitors at how wonderful the flowers are.  
They are beautiful, enjoyed by all, and keep folks employed.  
We hope we will continue to enjoy the flowers for years to come :)

Julia Houx  
St. Peter's Fly Shop  
[www.stpetes.com](http://www.stpetes.com)  
Old Town - 970-498-8968  
South - 970-377-3785



**From:** [Kelly DiMartino](#)  
**To:** [Christie Rogers](#)  
**Cc:** [City Leaders](#); [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Fully fund Downtown Flowers  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 21, 2022 3:31:51 PM  
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**From:** Christie Rogers <[christie.alpine@gmail.com](mailto:christie.alpine@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2022 2:49 PM  
**To:** City Leaders <[CityLeaders@fcgov.com](mailto:CityLeaders@fcgov.com)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fully fund Downtown Flowers

City leaders, as a long-standing downtown retailer I ask you to please fully fund the Downtown flowers in next year's budget. I get hundreds of comments on the flowers in Old Town from my customers, both local and visitors. There are many other ways I can think of to shave the budget and

I am always one to support less government spending. But I ask that the flowers are maintained at the same level next year as they were so wonderfully this year. Thank you!--

Christie Rogers

Alpine Arts- The Colorado Showcase  
112 N. College Avenue  
Fort Collins, CO 80524

**From:** [Kelly DiMartino](#)  
**To:** [Brittany Engert](#)  
**Cc:** [City Leaders](#); [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Fund Art to Live - Offer 50.15  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 21, 2022 3:33:28 PM  
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**From:** Brittany Engert <[brittanyengert@gmail.com](mailto:brittanyengert@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2022 3:10 PM  
**To:** City Leaders <[CityLeaders@fcgov.com](mailto:CityLeaders@fcgov.com)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fund Art to Live - Offer 50.15

Hello,

My name is Brittany Engert and I am writing to you to ask you support Offer 50.15 - Art to Live in the City Budget for 2023-2024. The reason I believe this program is so important is because it helps to make existing housing affordable, gives artists time to create, and keeps artists here in our community.

Please fund this program so we can make Fort Collins a cultural hotspot and support the livelihood of artists. I want to see new programs available to address issues in our community. Art to Live is what I want for Fort Collins. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Brittany Engert

***Brittany Engert, M.A.***

**Pronouns:** She | Her | Hers

Academic Success Coordinator, Colorado State University  
(315) 867

**From:** [Kelly DiMartino](#)  
**To:** [Carol Cochran](#)  
**Cc:** [City Leaders](#); [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Reimagining the downtown (and other) flower displays  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 21, 2022 3:45:01 PM

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From: Carol Cochran <[hicarolco@gmail.com](mailto:hicarolco@gmail.com)>  
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 3:36 PM  
To: City Leaders <[CityLeaders@fcgov.com](mailto:CityLeaders@fcgov.com)>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reimagining the downtown (and other) flower displays

Hello, City Leaders,

No doubt the Downtown flowers are stunning and impactful. I think it would be quite wise and forward-thinking for us to move forward in 2023 and beyond with more drought-tolerant perennials (which can also be stunning) and absolutely set the bar for what landscaping and decorating with those types of plants can be. I spent about 20 minutes trying to find the line-item in the proposed City budget for the flowers, to no avail. I'm not sure changing them out for low-water perennials in an equivalent abundance would be much cheaper, at least initially. I just think Fort Collins could and should lead the way on what a more water-responsible landscaping can look like, encouraging residents and visitors alike to reconsider how beautiful a lower-water, less intensively groomed display can be. Show us and all our visitors what we can do! Inspire us.

Many drought-tolerant perennials will survive all but the coldest of winters in above-ground planters, too, and come back in future years with vigor and with showier blooms. If you were to set your talented groundspeople loose to tackle the best displays of low-water-use plants and flowers, I think what they come up with has the potential to be even more impressive than the current displays and might lead the way for other communities facing water and personnel shortages to beautify their cities with less — less water, less tending, and fewer people-hours.

Thanks for considering moving in this direction with future disbursements to the Parks & Rec department for “flower” displays.

Cheers,  
Carol Cochran  
(District 1)

**From:** [Kelly DiMartino](#)  
**To:** [Heather Trantham](#)  
**Cc:** [City Leaders](#); [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Downtown Flowers  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 21, 2022 5:05:11 PM  
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**From:** Heather Trantham <heather@coppermuse.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2022 12:35 PM  
**To:** City Leaders <CityLeaders@fcgov.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Downtown Flowers

Hello,

I watched the city council meeting discussion about the flower displays in Old Town. I appreciated some of the commentary, but I also felt that some aspects of the conversation were lacking.

1. Unless you are a horticulturist, I don't think you can make a determination about whether a plant is tropical or not. The fact that the species of plants that are planted downtown survive from spring to fall in an arid climate lead me to believe that these plants are not tropical.
2. I want to be a good climate steward, and I am willing to replace my lawn and use less water. But, isn't it nice to have some places in the city that have expanses of grass (parks) and beautiful flower displays that can be enjoyed by everyone even if they can't plant bluegrass at home?
3. The flowers downtown are a destination themselves. Many people come to downtown to enjoy the scenery as much as to dine and shop, and I think that this leads to more dining and shopping.
4. There needs to be a better understanding about how much of the budget is delegated to the actual plants, how much to water, how much to labor. Are we overstaffed? What percentage of the water that the city uses for all parks, parkways, other flower displays, etc. is the water for the downtown flowers?

I think there needs to be a more educated discussion (based in fact, not personal interpretation) before the budget for the downtown flowers is cut. And, please involve the city's horticulturist in the discussion about which plants are planted.

Best regards,  
Heather Trantham, PE, PhD

Owner  
CopperMuse distillery  
244 N. College  
Suite 105  
Fort Collins, CO 80524

**From:** [Kelly DiMartino](#)  
**To:** [Alan Jantzen](#)  
**Cc:** [City Leaders](#); [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Downtown Flower Funding  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 21, 2022 5:09:42 PM  
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**From:** Alan Jantzen <[alan@silvergrill.com](mailto:alan@silvergrill.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2022 3:43 PM  
**To:** City Leaders <[CityLeaders@fcgov.com](mailto:CityLeaders@fcgov.com)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Downtown Flower Funding

As you all know – our downtown is the most iconic part of our beautiful city. Citizens who live here, people who visit here all come to see our beautiful downtown. The Parks department over the years have raised the bar for all other cities! Keeping the downtown vibrant is key to our success as business owners which in turn furthers the success of our city. Over the years we have lost so much of the energy of our downtown – parades, concerts, events. The businesses downtown have rallied to keep up our services to stay competitive. Why would you even consider dropping flowers? The energy and tax basis we provide far outweighs this expense. There are far more important things which need to be debated that keeping our city in colorful flowers. Please don't take this away from our beautiful downtown.

Alan Jantzen  
970.430.4324  
[Alan@Silvergrill.com](mailto:Alan@Silvergrill.com)



**From:** [Rupa Venkatesh](#)  
**To:** [Rob Haas](#); [Melanie Clark](#)  
**Cc:** [Shirley Peel](#); [Jeni Arndt](#); [Kelly DiMartino](#); [SAR Admin Team](#); [CAO Senior Staff](#); [Mike Calhoon](#); [Seve Ghose](#); [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Response to: Some needed repairs and budget input (Council SAR#70051  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 21, 2022 10:07:23 PM  
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Good evening, Rob –

Thank you for your follow-up comments regarding budget prioritization. They have been noted and we appreciate your engagement.

In addition, the City of Fort Collins has partnered with CSU's Center for Public Deliberation to host a community wide conversation on the 2023-2024 budget. The event takes place on September 28<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm at the Fort Collins Senior Center (1200 Raintree Drive). Spanish translation and interpretation available. Dinner will be provided and there is limited space so please register [here](#) if you would like to attend.

Thanks in advance,

Rupa

**Rupa Venkatesh**

Assistant City Manager  
City of Fort Collins, CO  
970.221.6684 office  
561.289.6176 cell



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**From:** Rob Haas <wrobhaas@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022 1:40 PM  
**To:** Melanie Clark <MCLARK@fcgov.com>  
**Cc:** Shirley Peel <speer@fcgov.com>; Jeni Arndt <jarndt@fcgov.com>; Kelly DiMartino <KDIMARTINO@fcgov.com>; SAR Admin Team <SAR-Admin-Team@fcgov.com>; CAO Senior Staff <CAOSeniorStaff@fcgov.com>; Mike Calhoon <MCALHOON@fcgov.com>; Seve Ghose <sgghose@fcgov.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Response to: Some needed repairs and budget input (Council SAR#70051

Melanie and Mike,

Thanks for your response.

Shirley & Jeni,

My input to this years budget process is that repairs such as these shouldn't take over three months and should be given a priority. Perhaps that means spending a little extra money. So I would support moving funding from routine (and sometimes pre-mature) sidewalk replacements to projects such as these.

Thanks,

Rob

On Sep 20, 2022, at 12:07 PM, Melanie Clark <[MCLARK@fcgov.com](mailto:MCLARK@fcgov.com)> wrote:

Dear Rob Haas,

Thank you for your email regarding trail repairs.

Please see the below information provided by Director of Parks, Mike Calhoon on behalf of Councilmember Shirley Peel and City Manager, Kelly DiMartino.

Best,  
Melanie

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**MELANIE CLARK**  
Executive Administrative Assistant  
City Manager's Office  
[City of Fort Collins](#)  
300 Laporte Ave  
970-416-4312 office  
[mclark@fcgov.com](mailto:mclark@fcgov.com)

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**From:** [accessfortcollins=fcgov.com@mg.comcate.com](mailto:accessfortcollins=fcgov.com@mg.comcate.com) [accessfortcollins=fcgov.com@mg.comcate.com](mailto:accessfortcollins=fcgov.com@mg.comcate.com) **On Behalf Of** Mike Calhoon  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022 11:44 AM  
**To:** Melanie Clark [MCLARK@fcgov.com](mailto:MCLARK@fcgov.com)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] New notes have been added to case #70051

Hello Rob,

Staff have been actively working on getting both the issues repaired / replaced with contractors, but have experienced delays with completion.

The sections of trail that are heaving along the Spring Creek Trail west of Drake Road

and also west of Shields Street have been marked, identified, and mapped with a trail grinding contractor. We typically develop a list of work that will meet the minimum work requirement for the contractor to report on-site (about once a year). We do mark the locations of heaving trail with orange paint until they are ground down.

The underpass railing along the Spring Creek Trail at Taft Hill Road was significantly damaged by a car accident last year. The decorative rail is part of an Art in Public Places installation, and required specific coordination with that Department. The good news is that the concrete footer has been repaired earlier this year, and the bridge railing fabrication is complete. The railing is currently at a bronze foundry getting the Art in Public Places components added to the rail.

Staff has checked back in with both the trail grinding contractor and metal fabricator about completing these issues along the trails with limited success. I understand the frustration from community members, and will continue to pursue completion in a more timely manner with the contractors and other departments.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,  
Mike Calhoon  
Director of Parks

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## Original Request

From: Rob Haas [wrobhaas@yahoo.com](mailto:wrobhaas@yahoo.com)  
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 10:00 AM  
To: Shirley Peel [speel@fcgov.com](mailto:speel@fcgov.com)  
Cc: Jeni Arndt [jarndt@fcgov.com](mailto:jarndt@fcgov.com)  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Some needed repairs and budget input

Hi Shirley,

I had hoped to make it to your listening session on Saturday but wasn't able to make it. I noticed that the city budget process has begun so I thought this would be a good time to reach out. I know most of the focus of the budget is on "big picture" type issues, but I think council needs to also keep their pulse on some of the details of how the city is run. Based on my experiences the city does a good job of managing planned projects, such as regular street paving. However, the city does a poor job of dealing with non-planned repairs. This has been the case for many years, but I'll cite two current examples. The first is the state of the Spring Creek trail. The attached photo was taken just west of Drake Road, but a similar situation exists just west of Shields street. As you can see in the attached photo, the trail surface jumps up over 1". It's been this way for over a year and the city knows because someone has painted it. The second example is the safety railing over the Spring Creek trail tunnel on the west side of Taft Hill Road. This railing was damaged more than a year ago. Again, the photo



shows that someone came out and put up a temporary fence. But it's been so long that the temporary fence now needs repair.

I think the vast majority of the community would agree that issues such as these should be fixed quickly. From a budget perspective, I think it's also a slam dunk. For example, the city recently spent a sizable sum on a new traffic signal at Drake and Hampshire roads, just to improve cycling. The cost/benefit of this new light is much less than the cost/benefit of taking care the repairs I listed.

I think we need to address the underlying cause of these problems. Why is it that the city takes so long to repair problems that we would all like repaired quickly? Is it funding? Maybe, but neither of these issues are terribly expensive to fix. Is it the city's "work order" process? Maybe. Or lack of productivity among city employees? Maybe, but maybe not. I don't know, and I'm guessing you don't know either. And that's the point. I suggest that council finds out. I'll leave it up to you and council how best to do that. If you determine that a consultant/auditor needs to be hired than now would be a good time to put some money in the budget for that.

Thanks for all of your work on Council.

Regards,

Rob Haas  
970-402-9236

**From:** [Kelly DiMartino](#)  
**To:** [jodydeschenes@gmail.com](mailto:jodydeschenes@gmail.com)  
**Cc:** [City Leaders](#); [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] DEI Efforts / Esfuerzos para la Diversidad, Equidad e Inclusion  
**Date:** Thursday, September 22, 2022 12:57:26 PM  
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**From:** Jody Deschenes <[info@sg.actionnetwork.org](mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 22, 2022 12:40 PM  
**To:** City Leaders <[CityLeaders@fcgov.com](mailto:CityLeaders@fcgov.com)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] DEI Efforts / Esfuerzos para la Diversidad, Equidad e Inclusion

Fort Collins City Council,

(Sigue en Español)

The Fort Collins immigrant legal defense fund has given 109 immigrants access to legal representation, increasing their chances to successfully navigate the complex federal immigration system.

I would like to ask you to continue funding the LDF in the 2023-2024 budget and make this a permanent part of the city's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion efforts this September and October as you solidify the city budget. It is critical that this important work continue without a gap in services.

Having access to a lawyer means families can stay together and ensures Fort Collins residents are guaranteed due process. Immigration proceedings are incredibly complex and difficult to navigate on your own and are the only legal proceeding in the country where someone is detained without the guarantee to a lawyer, even if they are a child or an asylum seeker.

Thank you for supporting Fort Collins residents with the legal resources they need!

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El fondo de defensa legal de inmigrantes de Fort Collins ha brindado a 109 inmigrantes acceso a representación legal, aumentando sus posibilidades de navegar con éxito el complejo sistema de inmigración federal.

Me gustaría pedirle que continúe financiando el LDF en el presupuesto 2023-2024 y que lo convierta en una parte permanente de los esfuerzos de diversidad, equidad e inclusión de la ciudad este septiembre y octubre a medida que solidifica el presupuesto de la ciudad. s fundamental que este importante trabajo continúe sin interrupciones en los servicios.

Tener acceso a un abogado significa que las familias pueden permanecer juntas y asegura que los residentes de Fort Collins tengan garantizado el debido proceso. Los procedimientos de inmigración son increíblemente complejos y difíciles de realizar por su cuenta y son el único procedimiento legal en el país donde alguien es detenido sin la garantía de un abogado, incluso si es un niño o un solicitante de asilo.

¡Gracias por apoyar a los residentes de Fort Collins con los recursos legales que necesitan!

Jody Deschenes

[jodydeschenes@gmail.com](mailto:jodydeschenes@gmail.com)

po box 123

Ft Collins, Colorado 80525

**From:** [Rupa Venkatesh](#)  
**To:** [Small Mountain Tattoo](#); [City Leaders](#)  
**Cc:** [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Downtown Flower displays  
**Date:** Friday, September 23, 2022 9:43:39 AM  
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**From:** Small Mountain Tattoo <booking@smallmountaintattoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2022 7:06 PM  
**To:** City Leaders <CityLeaders@fcgov.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Downtown Flower displays

To whom this may concern,

I am emailing in regards to the City Council work meeting where the possibility of not fully funding the downtown flower displays was discussed. As a business owner on Linden Street, the brand new giant flower areas impacted the design of the renovations. As the flowers are a great enhancement to downtown, it would be a big disappointment for them to be empty. Especially for our newly renovated Linden Street where we had no road for 8 months due to the renovations and some of the main aspects are the new flower beds.

Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time,  
Adam Fenner

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218 Linden St. Fort Collins, CO  
970-221-2340

**From:** [Rupa Venkatesh](#)  
**To:** [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Downtown Flower Funding  
**Date:** Friday, September 23, 2022 9:44:06 AM

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From: deb@garwoodsjewelers.com <deb@garwoodsjewelers.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 7:58 AM  
To: City Leaders <CityLeaders@fcgov.com>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Downtown Flower Funding

I urge you to consider continuing funding the flowers in downtown Fort Collins. They are beautiful each year and add to the atmosphere and overall beauty of our very special downtown. We have a very unique area here due to a combination of many factors - please don't take that away!

Debbie Reider  
Garwood's Jewelers

**From:** [Rupa Venkatesh](#)  
**To:** [lam\\_5225@yahoo.com](mailto:lam_5225@yahoo.com); [City Leaders](#)  
**Cc:** [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Add Immigration LDF to City Budget! ~ Agregue el fondo para Inmigrantes al Presupuesto!  
**Date:** Friday, September 23, 2022 9:46:26 AM  
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**From:** Linda A Marquez <[info@sg.actionnetwork.org](mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 22, 2022 7:21 AM  
**To:** City Leaders <[CityLeaders@fcgov.com](mailto:CityLeaders@fcgov.com)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Add Immigration LDF to City Budget! ~ Agregue el fondo para Inmigrantes al Presupuesto!

Fort Collins City Council,

(Sigue en Español)

I am not a resident of Fort Collins, unfortunately, but I reside in Longmont and do have friends and relatives who do live there.

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Estimados miembros del Consejo,

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**To:** [Sue Ballou](#)  
**Cc:** [City Leaders](#); [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] City Budget  
**Date:** Friday, September 23, 2022 10:47:57 AM  
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**From:** Sue Ballou <sueballou@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 23, 2022 9:43 AM  
**To:** City Leaders <CityLeaders@fcgov.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] City Budget

Dear City Leaders,

I know that the Budgeting for Outcomes process is arduous and there are many painful decisions to be made about what falls above and below the line. I am writing to advocate for one item that ultimately fell below the line; The expansion of the Mobile Home Park program in Neighborhood Services and an additional staff person was not funded.

The people living in mobile home parks are among the most vulnerable in the City as MHP owners find new ways to increase profits at their expense. The work that the City has done so far has been extremely helpful but there's a lot more that can be done as parks defer or ignore maintenance, create unlawful rules, and work to obscure residents' rights. Unlike renters, who can move if the landlord is unjust, mobile home park residents are completely at the mercy of the park owners. Moving a mobile home cost \$10,000 or more and many of the homes can't be moved at all. Rent increases and fees are becoming untenable. While additional funding for Neighborhood Services' program can't solve all of these issues, they can provide crucial watchdog and support services for these vulnerable residents. Please move this item above the line.

Sincerely,

Sue Ballou

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**From:** [Rupa Venkatesh](#)  
**To:** [Linda Leonhard](#); [City Leaders](#)  
**Cc:** [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Downtown Flower Funding  
**Date:** Friday, September 23, 2022 11:19:25 AM

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From: Linda Leonhard <lindaleonhard3@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 3:31 PM  
To: City Leaders <CityLeaders@fcgov.com>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Downtown Flower Funding

Hi I own Elliot's Martini bar. I'm happy the construction has come to a close but I'm confused as to why you would install huge planters that you don't intend to fill with flowers. Can you explain this please.  
Linda Leonhard

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Rupa Venkatesh](#)  
**To:** [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Fully Funding Flowers  
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**From:** Joseph James Streater <[jj@oldtownrestaurantgroup.com](mailto:jj@oldtownrestaurantgroup.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 22, 2022 2:08 PM  
**To:** City Leaders <[CityLeaders@fcgov.com](mailto:CityLeaders@fcgov.com)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fully Funding Flowers

Dear City Leadership Team,

I am aware that the cost of nearly everything has gone up since March of 2020, but there are two foundational items that the public has come to expect from Old Town Fort Collins. Flowers during the Summer and Christmas lights during the holidays. Our streets, alley ways and store fronts are elevated to that of a Choice City standard when the flowers are in full bloom. Don't cut funding in flower department and restrict hours for our Parks and Rec employees.

Please continue the dedicated and focused work that is required to keep Old Town the go to destination in Fort Collins. The old town businesses need this commitment from you, and the citizens of Fort Collins expect this from you.

**JJ Streater**

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Seasonal Downtown flower display

Hello City Council and City Leaders,

I would like to comment on the discussion of funding of the Downtown Botanical display and budget concerns with expanding it in the future. After watching the work session on this subject and listening to comments from your meeting I would agree that incorporating perennials and native plants is a smart idea that should result in lower water consumption, lower costs due to plants being viable for multiple years and showing that the City of Fort Collins is committed to water conservation publicly and in our private residences.

Thank you for your consideration and hard work on behalf of the citizens of Fort Collins,

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**Date:** Monday, September 26, 2022 11:46:05 AM  
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**From:** Allie Ogg <allieogg@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2022 10:05 AM  
**To:** City Leaders <CityLeaders@fcgov.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Downtown Flowers

Hello City Council Leaders!

I love the downtown flower displays, and I hope that you continue to fund the beautiful displays. The flowers bring so much beauty to our Old Town, it would be sad to see them go.

Thank you,

Allie Ogg

**From:** [Dawn Kennedy](#)  
**To:** [MARYLEADODD303@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MARYLEADODD303@GMAIL.COM)  
**Cc:** [City Leaders](#); [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Add Immigration LDF to City Budget!  
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**To:** City Leaders <[CityLeaders@fcgov.com](mailto:CityLeaders@fcgov.com)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Add Immigration LDF to City Budget!

Fort Collins City Council,

Dear Fort Collins City Council Member,

I have watched Alianza's work from its inception when a small group of immigrants and American citizens began having workshops in the basement of Fort Collins' churches. At these workshops Alianza members helped individuals prepare and submit Colorado Drivers License applications so these folks could get jobs and become productive members of the community.

Since then, Alianza has grown in numbers and functions at a rate that has amazed me.

Please support this hard working group of people continue their efforts of helping immigrants obtain access to legal representation so they can stay in this country and continue being good tax paying residents.

Please support funding the Legal Defense Fund in the 2023-2024 budget.

Thank you, Mary Lea Dodd

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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Flower Funding  
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Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 12:34 PM  
To: City Leaders <CityLeaders@fcgov.com>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Flower Funding

I know there will never be enough money to do all the wonderful things we have in mind to ensure our status as a first class city. But I do hope there will be enough money to maintain our spectacular flower displays downtown. They bring so much interest and delight to our retail areas. Hardly a day goes by that customers at Trimble Court Artisans don't comment on how lovely the flowers are. The happier the customers the more sales tax revenue we can pass along.

Thanks for listening. I have my fingers crossed.

With much appreciation

Diane Findley

President of Trimble Court Artisans

Sent from my iPhone

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Adrienne

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## Transportation Board

Indy Hart, Chair  
Cari Brown, Vice Chair

**DATE:** September 22, 2022  
**TO:** Mayor Arndt and City Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Indy Hart, Transportation Board Chair, on behalf of the Transportation Board  
**CC:** Kelly DiMartino, City Manager  
**RE:** 2023/24 City Manager's Recommended Budget

The Transportation Board has reviewed the 2023/24 City Manager's Recommended Budget. The goal of the Transportation Board is to promote the implementation of a balanced transportation system that is consistent with the City's sustainability goals and provides choice, mobility, access, congestion mitigation, and safety for all people. The Transportation Board would therefore like to emphasize their desire for Council to prioritize funding offers which support multi-modal transportation, addresses the climate emergency, and are equitable.

The Transportation Board realizes that not all offers, despite their merits, can be funded. However, there are two unfunded offers that the Board feels should be considered for funding in the 2023/24 budget:

1. The Transportation Board supports **funding offer 51.27, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) System Upgrades** scaled to \$275,000 per year, which is in line with prior Council commitments. We feel this is a key initiative to continue the efforts to improve accessibility to everyone in the community.
2. The Transportation Board also supports **funding offer 36.9, Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Program Expansion**. We see this offer as an important program to support neighborhoods and slow traffic. This program we feel helps improve conditions for bicycling and walking as well, which is an important part of the City's multi-modal goals.

The Transportation Board also wishes to highlight additional unfunded BFO offers as being priority for funding in the 2023/24 budget, as shown in the table below.

BFO #	BFO Offer Title	Type
51.10	West Elizabeth Enhanced Travel Corridor Full Design	1-Time Enhancement
51.32	North College Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) 100% Design	1-Time Enhancement
27.14	School Transportation Safety Assessments and Strategic Infrastructure for Youth	Continuing Enhancement
27.15	1.0 FTE Shift Your Ride Travel Options Program Professional	Enhancement
54.7	Parks Hard Surface Trails Infrastructure Replacement:	Asset Management - Enhanced

Finally, the Transportation Board acknowledges the efforts of the Bicycle Advisory Committee over the past year and supports their budget recommendations as noted in the attached letter. Thank you for your consideration of funding these additional budget offers.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Indy Hart, Transportation Board Chair

## **Memorandum**

**To:** City of Fort Collins Transportation Board

**From:** Jordan Williams, Chair, City of Fort Collins Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

**Date:** September 21, 2022

**Re:** BAC Recommendations to support active modes-related BFO offers 2023-24

On behalf of the City of Fort Collins Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC), I would like to offer our recommendations for several BFO offers put forth for the next budget cycle.

The BAC's overall purpose and mission is to review, recommend, and proactively identify capital improvements, educational initiatives, and Active Modes plan priorities while promoting bicycling, e-bikes, and other active modes as viable forms of transportation within our city and region. With the BAC work plan in mind, we have reviewed the City's 2023-24 Budget Offers and discussed priority areas as they align with the BAC's guiding principles. We support all the active modes-oriented offers listed in the budget proposal as they all, either directly or indirectly, enhance safe bicycling and help reduce motorized travel in our community.

In addition to pledging support for all the active modes-related BFO offers being considered in this budget cycle, we would like to highlight a few specific offers that we believe will have particularly significant impacts on the future of safe bicycling, multimodal transportation, and the achievement of the Climate Action Plan goals of the City of Fort Collins. These unfunded offers from the City Manager's recommended budget are ranked in no particular order:

- 27.14 - CONTINUING ENHANCEMENT - *School Transportation Safety Assessments and Strategic Infrastructure for Youth*: With the success of the original enhancement offer from 2022, continuing this program will help the City meet its Vision Zero goals from an equity-focused perspective that serves youth and other underrepresented communities.
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- 54.7 - ASSET MANAGEMENT-ENHANCED - *Parks Hard Surface Trails Infrastructure Replacement*: As our trails receive increased usage for recreation and transportation, building more connections across our 15-minute communities is important, but we have to take care of the existing infrastructure. The scalability of this program could be helpful for initial implementation in this budget cycle.

Thank you for your consideration of the BAC's recommendations.

Signed: Jordan Williams, BAC Chair

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2022 9:49 AM  
**To:** City Leaders <[CityLeaders@fcgov.com](mailto:CityLeaders@fcgov.com)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Immigration LDF ~ Fondo para Defensa Legal

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September 26, 2022

Hon. Mayor Arndt and City Council Members  
City Hall  
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Fort Collins, CO 80521

**RE: 2023-24 Budgeting For Outcomes Offers**

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

The Fort Collins Downtown Development Authority (“DDA”) Board of Directors met on September 8, 2022 and considered its expression of support for certain budget offers contained in the City Manager’s Recommended 2023-24 Budget relative to the interests of the downtown area and the DDA organization.

The Board would like to convey its appreciation for the difficult and challenging decisions the City Council must make when considering which budget items most appropriately align with the community’s priorities. We thank you for your thoughtful deliberations and for the sincere effort that goes into approving the municipal budget.

The DDA Board of Directors respectfully submits its strong support for Council approval of the following budget items that are **recommended** by the City Manager for funding in 2023-24. These offers include:

***Economic Health***

- 55.1: Downtown Parks and Amenities Maintenance
- 55.2: Downtown Maintenance - Downtown Development Authority Facilities & Infrastructure, Old Town Square
- 55.3: 1.0FTE Technician, Parks - Downtown Horticulture

***Transportation***

- 52.1: Parking Services
- 52.6: Civic Center Parking Structure Preventative Maintenance Repairs
- 52.7: Old Town Parking Structure Preventative Repairs and Elevator Preventative Maintenance

The aforementioned offers support the fundamental activities of a high functioning and well managed downtown where there is an intentional effort around placemaking and where maintenance problems are intended to be fixed right away.

The Economic Health offers mentioned above all contain pass through dollars from the DDA to fund general daily maintenance, including horticulture assets. The DDA, by way of intergovernmental agreements, pays 100% of the funding required for enhanced alleyways, and 2/3 of the daily maintenance and horticulture costs for Old Town Square. Additionally, the DDA will pay for 100% of its portion of the new parks technician position for purposes of providing service to the new alley enhancements being constructed in 2023.

In addition, the DDA Board understands and recognizes that resources are limited, and would like to address two specific offers that were **not recommended** by the City Manager for funding. These offers include:

***Safe Community***

- 13.23: District One Office Buildout

***Neighborhood Livability and Social Health***

- 23.17: 1 FTE - Historic Preservation Surveyor Specialist

The DDA encourages the City Council to consider support of these items as funds become available in the future because of the important outcomes these offers provide the community.

The proposal to relocate the District One Police Services substation to the Oak 140 Building would provide an improved contribution to the operations of this specialized community policing unit. By having the substation more centrally located in the Old Town core and closer to the concentration of daytime retail stores and night-time entertainment establishments, it would increase the visible physical presence of police in Old Town and the amount of interaction with residents, visitors, and business owners.

Regarding the Historic Preservation Surveyor Specialist, it is important to recall that the elemental building blocks of a successful historic preservation program is the routine survey of historic resources. Historic surveys impart knowledge for decision makers from the public and private realms by revealing a property's relationship and significance within the historic contexts of our community and assessment of a property's physical integrity. These together serve to reveal when a true historic resource exists and deserves the efforts of preservation. Access to this knowledge in a proactive setting rather than a reactive mode will help avoid frustration, dysfunction, and delay in the implementation of the municipality's quasi-judicial land use management role related to historic preservation.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and DDA management, thank you for your continued support of Downtown Fort Collins.

Sincerely,



David Lingle  
Board Chair



Matt Robenalt  
Executive Director



**From:** [Kelly DiMartino](#)  
**To:** [Brian Stahl](#)  
**Cc:** [City Leaders](#); [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: New aquatics facility in SE FC  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 28, 2022 2:44:48 PM  
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**From:** Brian Stahl <brian@stahldevelopment.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 28, 2022 7:42 AM  
**To:** City Leaders <CityLeaders@fcgov.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] New aquatics facility in SE FC

Dear City Council:

We are significantly “under pooled” here in Fort Collins. It is getting worse every day. Please support the concept of a new, quality, 10 lane pool in the proposed SE Recreation Center. From life safety issues to high school swimming practice and events—a new pool will provide so many POSITIVES for our community and help alleviate capacity issues as we continue to grow our city.

Thank you for your consideration of all...

**Brian Stahl**

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**From:** [Kelly DiMartino](#)  
**To:** [Dr. Shaw](#)  
**Cc:** [City Leaders](#); [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Downtown Flower Funding  
**Date:** Thursday, September 29, 2022 5:06:26 PM  
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**From:** Dr. Shaw <dr.shaw@shawfamilypractice.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 29, 2022 4:42 PM  
**To:** City Leaders <CityLeaders@fcgov.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Downtown Flower Funding

I absolutely love the downtown flowers. I would love to see them continue. If the budget has to be trimmed okay, but I would love to have them stay.

Dr. JoNell Shaw DC, ND

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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Add Immigration LDF to City Budget! ~ Agregue el fondo para Inmigrantes al Presupuesto!  
**Date:** Friday, September 30, 2022 9:04:13 AM  
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**Sent:** Thursday, September 29, 2022 6:28 PM  
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**Cc:** [Tyler Marr](#); [Lindsay Ex](#); [Honore Depew](#); [Molly Saylor](#); [Adelle McDaniel](#); [Kendall Minor](#); [John Phelan](#); [Brian Tholl](#); [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] FCSG Statement on the Fort Collins 2023-2023 Recommended Budget  
**Date:** Friday, September 30, 2022 10:06:15 AM  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] FCSG Statement on the Fort Collins 2023-2023 Recommended Budget

Good morning, Mayor Arndt and Councilmembers Gutowsky, Pignataro, Canonico, Peel, Ohlson, and Francis –

I'm sending you FCSG's statement on the Recommended Budget, which is also available on our website. **We are asking you to consider moving three unfunded offers "above the line," which hold the potential for significantly increasing the amount of funding Ft. Collins might obtain in the future from the Inflation Reduction Act.** These offers are all relatively "small ticket" items and total about 0.05% of the total Recommended Budget.

Sincerely,

Kevin Cross

Convener

Fort Collins Sustainability Group

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## **FCSG Statement on the Fort Collins 2023-2023 Recommended Budget**

*Posted on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

The Fort Collins Sustainability Group (FCSG) has reviewed both the [Fort Collins 2023-2024 Recommended Budget](#) and the [staff memorandum dated September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022](#) analyzing the impact of the Recommended Budget on the City's "Our Climate Future" goals. Staff anticipates that the budget offers recommended for funding will reduce community greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions 5.4% from the 2005 baseline. In order to make steady progress to our 2030 goal, we would need to reduce GHG pollution 12% every two years between 2020 and 2030. Therefore, the recommended budget would achieve less than half the necessary reductions for steady progress toward the 2030 goal.

As staff has previously pointed out, not all community GHG emissions reductions can be paid for out of the City budget. We will be interested to see what other initiatives staff believes will help close the gap during the “Our Climate Future” work session scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup>.

The following three initiatives that have NOT been recommended for funding may offer opportunities for moving more quickly toward the goal of 80% GHG emissions reductions by 2030. They all have an important equity component in addition to an environmental component. **We urge Council to consider bringing them “above the line” prior to final budget approval.**

- Offer 1.10: 1.0 FTE Contractual Project Manager & Manufactured Home Efficiency Acceleration Initiative (\$376,176 over two years). This offer would help residents of manufactured homes make their homes more energy efficient and healthy, and could provide a springboard to getting more federal government funding for these purposes in future years.
- Offer 27.9: 1.0 FTE Contractual Planner & Electric Vehicle Readiness Program Funding (\$237,538 over two years). This offer could catalyze the rapid adoption of EVs in the City and enable our community to obtain more federal funding in the effort to move away from fossil fuel powered transportation.
- Offer 27.11: Mobility Innovation Zones Plan (\$150,00 in 2023 only). This offer would help identify ways to help people living in low-density areas of the City access transit options other than private cars. It may also identify opportunities for federal funding to pay for these transit options, which could include bicycles, e-bikes, scooters, and shuttle services.

An important theme in our expression of support for these three unfunded offers is that they include the potential to uncover opportunities for connecting City residents to significant amounts of federal funding that will become available starting next year through the Inflation Reduction Act. **A small investment now – these three offers total less than 0.05% of the Recommended 2023 – 24 budget – could provide big dividends later in terms of reducing our community GHG emissions and promoting public health and equity.**

**From:** [Kelly DiMartino](#)  
**To:** [Joyce DeVaney](#)  
**Cc:** [City Leaders](#); [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Please continue funding the Immigration Legal Defense Fund (LDF)  
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**Sent:** Friday, September 30, 2022 3:24 PM  
**To:** City Leaders <CityLeaders@fcgov.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please continue funding the Immigration Legal Defense Fund (LDF)

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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] DEI Efforts / Esfuerzos para la Diversidad, Equidad e Inclusion  
**Date:** Monday, October 3, 2022 8:06:35 AM

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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Add Immigration LDF to City Budget! ~ Agregue el fondo para Inmigrantes al Presupuesto!  
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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Add Immigration LDF to City Budget! ~ Agregue el fondo para Inmigrantes al Presupuesto!  
**Date:** Monday, October 3, 2022 8:04:05 AM

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**To:** [Janet Johnson](#); [City Leaders](#)  
**Cc:** [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Downtown Flower Funding  
**Date:** Monday, October 3, 2022 8:10:45 AM

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**From:** Janet Johnson <janetjohnson04@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 2, 2022 12:52 PM  
**To:** City Leaders <CityLeaders@fcgov.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Downtown Flower Funding

Hello! I recently visited your beautiful city for the first time, and was overwhelmed by its beauty! The flower arrangements along the main street, as well as the plaza area in the historic district, took my breath away. I even sent pictures back to my gardening friends in Minnesota, to provide suggestions for stunning combinations of "Thrill, Fill, & Spill" planters.

I heard from my Fort Collins associates that there was a potential for cuts to the floral budget. If the decision is already made, I certainly hope that you held adequate funds to continue providing such a beautiful benefit to your community. Visitors like me, and I suspect residents as well, appreciate and enjoy the multi-sensory experience of nature's beauty. If the budget was indeed reduced, please do the best with what is allotted for next year, and consider increasing (or reinstating) the funds in the future.

Thanks for listening, and thanks for your hard work to make Fort Collins a wonderful year-round place to live or visit.

**Janet Johnson**  
**New Hope, MN**

**From:** [Shana Salaff](#)  
**To:** [City Leaders](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Funding flowers  
**Date:** Sunday, October 2, 2022 7:43:38 PM

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Hello,

I am a 13 year resident of Fort Collins, and every year am filled with joy from the beautiful flower displays. I'm sure that these are expensive, yet I urge the city not to cut back on the budget for them. They are one of the reasons why Fort Collins is a tourist destination, and I suspect that they are paid for in tourism dollars that benefit the citizens of Fort Collins directly.

Thank you,  
Shana

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**From:** [Sarah Kane](#)  
**To:** [DAN KINNEY](#); [City Leaders](#)  
**Cc:** [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Do Not Reduce Flower Budget  
**Date:** Monday, October 3, 2022 8:11:42 AM

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From: DAN KINNEY <[kinnflowers@bajabb.com](mailto:kinnflowers@bajabb.com)>  
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 6:39 AM  
To: City Leaders <[CityLeaders@fcgov.com](mailto:CityLeaders@fcgov.com)>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Do Not Reduce Flower Budget

Hello. I'm writing to urge that the city budget for our downtown flower displays NOT be reduced in the future. Ft. Collins has become nationally known for its downtown flowers/art and I feel it would be detrimental to diminish either of these outstanding venues. Especially our downtown flowers plantings, which have now become part of the longstanding character of the old town area. Thank you for considering how many people would be upset and saddened by not have the this tradition continued at its beautiful current level.

Sincerely, Joan Kinney (Ft. Collins resident)

**From:** [Sarah Kane](#)  
**To:** [Sharon Gloss](#); [City Leaders](#)  
**Cc:** [Amy Resseguie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Don't Cut the Budget! Downtown Flower Funding  
**Date:** Monday, October 3, 2022 3:35:04 PM

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**From:** Sharon Gloss <scgloss@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 3, 2022 3:07 PM  
**To:** City Leaders <CityLeaders@fcgov.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Don't Cut the Budget! Downtown Flower Funding

The display of color and blooms is a joy to all in Downtown Fort Collins and is a source of distinction for a beloved place in our community. Visitors and locals alike take daily pleasure in the visual delight ... why mess with a good thing?

I work in a retail business in Old Town and the comments I've received are numerous "how beautiful it is in Old Town". At a time that we are all working to restore business to our independent retail shops, please support us in this effort of keeping people happy in that space.

With appreciation,  
Sharon