

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



STAFF

Brad Smith, Sr. Project Manager, Energy Services
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SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 030, 2026, Making a Supplemental Appropriation of Grant Revenue from the Colorado Energy Office and Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations for the Energy Code Adoption and Enforcement Grant.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to appropriate \$125,000 of unanticipated grant revenue from the Colorado Energy Office, utilizing matching funds in the amount of \$25,000 from existing 2026 appropriations into this new grant project for the Energy Code Adoption and Enforcement Grant. The cost share of \$25,000 will be from the Energy Services budget in the Light and Power Fund as cash and in-kind staff time.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

On December 30, 2025, Fort Collins Utilities was awarded the Energy Code & Enforcement Program Grant by the Colorado Energy Office (CEO). The grant builds upon a previous federally supported project. This \$125,000 award will allow the City of Fort Collins to continue working with the technical code experts in the support and development of our recently adopted 2024 energy code, including the required commercial and residential Performance Path to Zero Carbon Building appendices. The award also allows the City to continue the mission of expanding these code appendices and corresponding resources to benefit jurisdictions statewide, and in an effort to align with Colorado's Greenhouse Gas Pollution Reduction Roadmap.

The award will also fund a performance evaluation of our energy code and track ongoing compliance and continue stakeholder engagement and enable an assessment for the development of the Colorado Stretch Code. The award terminates on April 30, 2027.

The award has a cost share of \$25,000, which will be transferred from existing 2026 appropriations within the Light & Power Fund for Energy Services, made up of \$9,003 in cash match and \$15,997 of in-kind staff time.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

This item appropriates \$125,000 of unanticipated grant revenue for Fort Collins Utilities to perform work under the Energy Code Adoption and Enforcement Grant and authorizes transfers of matching funds.

Matching funds in the amount of \$25,000 have already been appropriated in the 2026 Light & Power Fund within the Energy Services budget. The cost share includes \$9,003 as cash match and \$15,997 as in-kind staff time. Total project cost is \$150,000.

This grant from the CEO is a reimbursement type grant, meaning Light & Power Fund expenses will be reimbursed up to \$125,000.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS / LINKS

1. Colorado Energy Office Purchase Order
2. Ordinance No. 030, 2026