

Dear Fort Collins City Council Members:

This request is on behalf of Disabled Resource Services, a nonprofit agency serving disabled people in Larimer and Jackson Counties.

The City of Fort Collins has been a valued supporter of Disabled Resource Services (DRS) for many years. DRS has been very blessed to have your partnership for such a long time.

In the Spring 2012 Competitive Process, DRS applied for a loan/grant in the amount of \$385,000 to purchase our location at 1017 Robertson Street, Unit B (75% of the building) in the Robertson Street Medical Park. The Council was presented with three options in the funding request. Option 1 (one) was for the total purchase price of \$385,000 and that was the option the Council chose. We were and still are very grateful for that.

For most of our agency's life, we have had a Fort Collins and a Loveland location. Loveland was always a rental situation. In April of 2020, DRS purchased 50% of a unit at 2154 West Eisenhower Blvd. We paid cash for the property. DRS has never incurred any debt.

During COVID, our staff worked primarily from home. There was no need to expand our staff or our office space. We have since expanded our staff and our services. Currently, both locations are at capacity.

Our vision is to have one office as centrally located between Fort Collins and Loveland as possible. Of course, we would have to be on a bus route and realistically, the office would be in the south end of Fort Collins because there are more available options. We would like to sell both locations and buy one stand-alone building.

DRS is asking the Council to allow us to sell our Robertson Street property and pay that sum of money on our new site rather than paying the City back the \$385,000. We are still providing the same services and more to Fort Collins residents. To date this calendar year, 63.5% of our intake and casual consumers are Fort Collins residents.

Thank you for considering our request.

Kind Regards,



Denise Mullhaupt, Executive Director