



## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council

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### STAFF

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Nina Bodenhamer, Director, City Give  
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### SUBJECT

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**First Reading of Ordinance No. 014, 2023, Appropriating Philanthropic Revenue Received by City Give for Tree Planting in the Forestry Department.**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The purpose of this item is to request appropriation of \$50,000.00 in philanthropic revenue received by City Give for Forestry, Community Services.

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

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Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

### BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

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The purpose of this item is to appropriate \$50,000 in philanthropic revenue gifted to Forestry by the Dwain Horne Memorial Trust for the designated purpose of tree planting in a commitment to the long-term health and vitality of the Fort Collins urban tree canopy.

The City of Fort Collins Forestry Division maintains over 56,000 trees along streets and in parks, cemeteries, golf courses and other City facilities or property. The City's urban forest is a dynamic ecosystem that helps filter air and water, control storm water, conserve energy, and provide animal habitat and shade. By reducing noise and providing places to recreate, our tree inventory strengthens social cohesion, spurs community revitalization, and adds economic value to our communities.

Per the donor's passion for urban forestry, this generous gift funded the recent planting of 100 trees at Trailhead Park. The gift also designated the following terms for the planting, all of which align with our Forestry's operating standards: native or a known adapted species, locally purchased stock and at least 10-gallon container grown or comparable B&B stock, and robust volunteer engagement.

## **CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

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This Ordinance will appropriate \$50,000.00 in philanthropic revenue received by City Give for Forestry to be expended in the General Fund. The funds have been received and accepted per the City Give Administrative and Financial Policy.

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 General Fund to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues and all other funds to be received in these funds during fiscal year 2023.

These donations have been received and accepted per the City Give Administrative and Financial Policy.

## **BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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None.

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

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None.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Ordinance for Consideration