

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



STAFF

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SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 064, 2026, Appropriating Unanticipated Grant Revenue from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice for Restorative Justice Services.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to appropriate \$35,120 of unanticipated grant revenue from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice Juvenile Diversion fund awarded for the period of July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027, to support the Restorative Justice programming provided by Conflict Transformation Works (CTW). This appropriation is contingent upon execution of the associated grant agreement and includes a sunset date of December 31, 2026, if the agreement is not finalized.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

This Colorado Division of Criminal Justice (CDCJ) grant helps fund a Restorative Justice Specialist and Program Assistant who support youth referred to the program from the 8th Judicial District Attorney's Office. Restorative Justice is an alternative method of holding a young person accountable by facilitating meeting with the responsible youth, the harmed person/harmed person representative, and community members to identify the harm caused by the crime and determine how to repair it.

These programs help young people understand the impact of their actions on the harmed person, families, friends, and the community while holding them accountable. By supporting better future decisions, reducing repeat offenses, and connecting youth and families with appropriate community resources, the program contributes to a safer and healthier community.

These funds are contingent upon execution of the associated state grant agreement. In the event the agreement is not executed, this appropriation will sunset on December 31, 2026. This contingency ensures that the City is only obligated to expend funds once final grant terms are in place.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

The item appropriates \$35,120 to cover personnel costs for the Restorative Justice Specialist and the CTW Program Assistant for their work directly related to the grant funded activities.

The grant from CDCJ is a reimbursement type grant, meaning General Fund expenses will be reimbursed up to \$35,120.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS / LINKS

1. State Juvenile Diversion Funding FY26-27 Award Letter
2. Ordinance No. 064, 2026