

ORDINANCE NO. 054, 2026
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING PRIOR YEAR RESERVES AND UNANTICIPATED GRANT
REVENUE FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BROADBAND EQUITY,
ACCESS, AND DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM

A. Connexion, the City of Fort Collins' broadband enterprise, was awarded \$1,511,782 from the Colorado Broadband Office under the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) program.

B. BEAD is a grant program administered by the US. Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, to expand high-speed internet service to unserved and underserved locations.

C. The purpose of this item is to appropriate \$1,511,782 of unanticipated grant revenue from the (BEAD) program.

D. These funds are contingent upon execution of the associated 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.

E. Connexion will utilize the BEAD funds to install a broadband network at specified locations.

F. The City has a required cost share of \$531,167, which will be provided by Connexion.

G. This appropriation benefits the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Fort Collins and serves the public purpose of expanding high-speed internet service to unserved and underserved locations.

H. Article V, Section 9 of the City Charter permits City Council, upon recommendation of the City Manager, to make a supplemental appropriation by ordinance at any time during the fiscal year, provided that the total amount of such supplemental appropriation, in combination with all previous appropriations for that fiscal year, do not exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues and all other funds to be received during the fiscal year.

I. The City Manager has recommended the appropriation described herein and determined that the funds to be appropriated are available and previously unappropriated from the Broadband Fund and that this appropriation will not cause the total amount appropriated in the Broadband Fund to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues and all other funds to be received in this Fund during this fiscal year.

J. Article V, Section 9 of the City Charter permits City Council, upon the recommendation of the City Manager, to make supplemental appropriations by ordinance at any time during the fiscal year from such revenues and funds for expenditure as may be available from reserves accumulated in prior years, notwithstanding that such reserves were not previously appropriated.

K. The City Manager has recommended the appropriation described herein and determined that the funds to be appropriated are available and previously unappropriated from the Broadband Fund and that this appropriation will not cause the total amount appropriated in the Broadband Fund to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues and all other funds to be received in this Fund during this fiscal year.

L. Article V, Section 11 of the City Charter authorizes City Council to designate in the ordinance when appropriating funds for a federal, state or private grant or donation, that such appropriation shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year in which the appropriation is made, but continue until the earlier of the expiration of the federal, state or private grant or donation or the City's expenditure of all funds received from such grant or donation.

M. City Council wishes to designate the appropriation herein for U.S. Department of Commerce Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment grant program and local match as an appropriation that shall not lapse until the earlier of the expiration of the grant or the City's expenditure of all funds received from such grant.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from new revenue or other funds in the Broadband Fund the sum of ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED ELEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$1,511,782) to be expended in the Broadband Fund for U.S. Department of Commerce Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment grant program.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated from prior year reserves in the Broadband Fund the sum of FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$531,167) to be expended in the Broadband Fund for local match to the U.S. Department of Commerce Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment grant program.

Section 3. The appropriations herein for U.S. Department of Commerce Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment grant program and local match is hereby designated, as authorized in Article V, Section 11 of the City Charter, as appropriations

that shall not lapse at the end of this fiscal year but continue until the earlier of the expiration of the grant or the City's expenditure of all funds received from such grant.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading on May 19, 2026, and approved on second reading for final passage on June 2, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: June 12, 2026

Approving Attorney: Yvette Lewis-Molock

Exhibit: None