



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council

STAFF

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SUBJECT

Resolution 2023-106 Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Downtown Development Authority for Designated Financial Support of the Carnegie Center for Creativity.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to seek approval of an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the City and the Downtown Development Authority for the financial support of renovation of the Carnegie Center for Creativity.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The historic 1904 Carnegie building is one of the oldest, continuously operating public buildings in Fort Collins. Carnegie libraries were often the first public libraries in communities across the country. Operated by the City of Fort Collins and designated a local Historic Landmark in 1978, the building is now the Carnegie Center for Creativity (CCC) dedicated to affordable, community-focused cultural space.

The ambitious renovation focuses on both historic restoration and infrastructure investments to ensure the CCC continues to serve Fort Collins as an affordable, community-focused space for gallery exhibitions, performances, classes, and special events.

The current project estimate for the full renovation of the CCC is \$6,200,000 with \$2.2M provided through the generosity of local voters via a 2015 Community Capital Improvement Program ballot measure. A Community Revitalization Grant from the State's Colorado Creative Industries providing \$2,400,000 in funding. The City of Fort Collins General Fund invested \$900,000 in ADA and structural upgrades as Phase 1 of this project. Private funding is being sought to address final funding needs to bring this important project to fruition.

The Downtown Development Authority's (DDA) mission is to build public-private investment partnerships that foster economic, cultural, and social growth in the central business district of Fort Collins. Since 1981, the DDA has worked to create public-private investment partnerships that support economic, cultural, and social growth in the central business district. The DDA was established through a vote of district property owners and residents.

The Board of Directors of the DDA has approved financial support for this project in the amount of up to \$214,000 for renovations to the north, south, east, and west facades of the Carnegie Building, and a new exterior entry gate and fence as designated by the DDA.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

None.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution for Consideration
2. Exhibit A to Resolution