

ORDINANCE NO. 114, 2026
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING ART IN PUBLIC PLACES RESERVES FOR A COMMUNITY ARTS
AND ART IN PUBLIC PLACES MASTER PLAN

A. At its May 21, 2019, meeting, City Council approved Resolution 2019-066, which adopted the FoCo Creates Arts and Culture Master Plan ("Master Plan") to establish a broad community vision for arts and culture.

B. Since adoption of the Master Plan, the City has expanded community arts initiatives, grantmaking, public art investments, and partnerships while learning from an Art in Public Places ("APP") program evaluation effort.

C. This Ordinance appropriates \$103,500 to build on the FoCo Creates Arts and Culture Master Plan and develop a Community Arts and APP Master Plan ("Master Plan"). The funding made possible with this appropriation will allow City staff to work with a consultant to evaluate programs, governance, funding and reserve strategies, staffing and operational capacity, community engagement, partnerships, and public art policies. The Master Plan will provide actionable priorities, implementation strategies, and measures of success to guide the future of community arts and APP.

D. This appropriation benefits the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Fort Collins and serves the public purpose of developing a plan to modernize public art programs and priorities.

E. 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.

F. The City Manager has recommended the appropriation described herein and determined that the funds to be appropriated are available and previously unappropriated from the Arts and Culture Fund and that this appropriation will not cause the total amount appropriated in the Arts and Culture 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.

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 that there is hereby appropriated from prior year reserves in the Arts and Culture Fund the sum of ONE HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$103,500) to be expended in the Arts and Culture Fund for the development of a Community Arts and Art in Public Places Master Plan.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading on September 1, 2026, and approved on second reading for final passage on September 15, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: September 25, 2026

Approving Attorney: Ted Hewitt

Exhibit: None