

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



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SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 115, 2026, Appropriating Unanticipated Grant Revenue from the Colorado Department of Natural Resources for the Fishing is Fun Grant Program and Authorizing a Transfer of Appropriations.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to appropriate \$72,700 of unanticipated grant revenue from the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Colorado Parks and Wildlife Division, for the Fishing is Fun Grant Program. The funding will support improved angling opportunities, accessibility, and angler satisfaction in Northern Colorado by enhancing infrastructure and aquatic habitat at Arapaho Bend Natural Area. This item also appropriates \$44,700 from within fund 272 to meet the cost-share requirement of the grant.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Arapaho Bend Natural Area is a high-traffic destination with over 160,000 annual visits, yet Beaver Pond, the largest pond on the site, currently lacks formal access. The project will install an ADA accessible fishing pier and other visitor amenities and will improve aquatic habitats for warmwater aquatic species including Largemouth Bass, Walleye, and Channel Catfish.

This project will also provide the first truly barrier-free fishing access point in southeast Fort Collins. Benefits include increased angler safety, enhanced sportfish spawning success, and a functional space for youth fishing clinics. By concentrating access in designated areas, the project will also reduce shoreline erosion and improve the ecological health of the 34.8-acre fishery.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

This item appropriates \$72,700 of unanticipated grant revenue from the State of Colorado Department of Natural Resources for the Fishing is Fun Grant Program to fund 272. Grant funds will support improved angling opportunities, accessibility, and angler satisfaction in Northern Colorado by enhancing infrastructure and aquatic habitat at Beaver Pond. This item also authorizes the transfer \$44,700 of matching funds within fund 272 to the project.

The grant is reimbursement-based, with funds provided after eligible project expenses have been incurred.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS / LINKS

1. Ordinance No. 115, 2026