

RESOLUTION 2024-009
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROVING FORT FUND SPECIAL EVENT GRANT DISBURSEMENTS

A. Providers of lodging accommodations in the City are required by Section 25-242 of the City Code to pay three percent of all revenues derived from such lodging accommodations to the City as a lodging tax.

B. The Fort Fund Grant Program (“Fort Fund”) supports projects and activities that provide arts and cultural programming to the Fort Collins community and visitors.

C. Established in 1989, Fort Fund distributes lodging tax revenues deposited in the City’s Cultural Development and Programming Account and the Tourism Programming Account in accordance with the provisions of Section 25-244 of the City Code.

D. Local non-profit organizations may apply to Fort Fund for cultural and tourism event support. There are three Fort Fund funding programs available for applicants: Special Events; Program Support; and Cross-Sector Impact.

E. The City's Cultural Resources Board reviews applications from the community for Fort Fund monies and makes recommendations to the City Council in accordance with Section 2-145(b) of the City Code and the administrative guidelines for Fort Fund (the “Fort Fund Guidelines”).

F. At its meeting on January 25, 2024, the Cultural Resources Board recommended funding for various proposals in the Special Events category based on the criteria and considerations set forth in Section 2-145(b) of the City Code and the Fort Fund Guidelines.

G. The use of lodging tax revenues will provide a public benefit to the Fort Collins community by supporting cultural development and public programming activities within the City that promote the use of public accommodations within the City.

H. The City Council desires to approve Fort Fund grant disbursements as set forth in Exhibit “A,” which is attached hereto.

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

Section 1. The City Council hereby finds that the distribution of funds through the Fort Fund program as set forth on Exhibit “A” will promote the cultural and economic health of the community and in doing so will serve a recognized and valuable public purpose.

Section 2. Funds in the total amount of THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$35,000), comprised of \$17,139 from the City's Cultural Development and Programming Account and \$17,861 from the Tourism Programming Account, are hereby approved for distribution as set forth in Exhibit "A".

Passed and adopted on February 20, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Interim City Clerk

Effective Date: February 20, 2024
Approving Attorney: Ted Hewitt