

ORDINANCE NO. 054, 2025  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS  
RECEIVED FROM THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL  
AFFAIRS GRAY AND BLACK-MARKET MARIJUANA  
ENFORCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE FORT COLLINS  
POLICE SERVICES MARIJUANA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

A. For over five years, the State has made grant funding available to help address unlicensed and illegal marijuana activity in Colorado.

B. In 2024, Fort Collins Police Services (FCPS) received \$39,641 from the Department of Local Affairs (“DOLA”) and continues to investigate complaints of illegal residential cultivation operations and unlicensed smoke shops selling synthetic marijuana to minors.

C. In November 2024, City of Fort Collins was awarded \$39,500 through the DOLA Gray and Black-Market Marijuana Enforcement Grant Program for the purpose of investigating cases of illegal marijuana cultivation and distribution outside the legal, licensing framework.

D. Use of this grant funding and investigations has not only addressed criminal activity but also improved neighborhood livability and provided insight into the level of unlicensed/illegal marijuana activity in the community. With additional insight and knowledge, Police Services can address community priorities and emerging trends in a proactive manner.

E. These grant funds help provide additional financial resources to supplement overtime costs, equipment, and storage expenses without having a direct impact on the City budget.

F. This item appropriates \$39,500 to FCPS Marijuana Enforcement Program from unanticipated grant revenue from DOLA by advancing the funds to the City of Fort Collins so overtime and equipment purchases may be authorized and any unused funds will be returned at the end of the grant period.

G. Article V, Section 9 of the City Charter permits the 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.

H. The City Manager has recommended the appropriation described herein and determined that the funds to be appropriated are available and previously

unappropriated from the General Fund and that this appropriation will not cause the total amount appropriated in the General 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.

I. Article V, Section 11 of the City Charter authorizes the 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 the City's expenditure of all funds received from such grant.

J. The City Council wishes to designate the appropriation herein for the Colorado Department of Local Affairs Gray and Black-Market Enforcement Grant 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 General Fund the sum of THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$39,500) to be expended in the General Fund for the Fort Collins Police Services Marijuana Enforcement Program.

Section 2. The appropriation herein for the Colorado Department of Local Affairs Gray and Black-Market Enforcement Grant project is hereby designated, as authorized in Article V, Section 11 of the City Charter, as an appropriation 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 the April 1, 2025, and approved on second reading for final passage on the April 15, 2025.

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Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Effective Date: April 25, 2025  
Approving Attorney: Doug McDonald