



# AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council

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## STAFF

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Nina Bodenhamer, City Give Director

## SUBJECT

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**First Reading of Ordinance No. 015, 2024, Appropriating Philanthropic Revenue Received Through City Give for Park Planning and Development to Fund Pickleball Site Feasibility and Community Engagement.**

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The purpose of this item is to request an appropriation of \$40,000 in philanthropic revenue received by City Give for Park Planning & Development, for site feasibility and community engagement toward a future City-owned pickleball complex.

In 2019, the City launched City Give, a formalized enterprise-wide initiative to create a transparent, non-partisan governance structure for accepting and appropriating charitable gifts.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

## BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

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The Fort Collins Pickleball Club awarded \$40,000 to the Park Planning & Development department (PPD) for the designated purpose to fund an initial public engagement process to determine site feasibility for a future City-owned pickleball complex.

The City recognizes the long and valuable tradition of community-led collaboration. Successful community partnerships are vehicles for delivering practical solutions to community issues and have played a critical role in the success of community livability. Philanthropic partnerships facilitated by City Give include The Hand That Feeds, Veterans Plaza of NoCo, a refresh of Eastside Park, 9-11 Memorial at Spring Park, and more, all a diverse range of community-driven amenities.

A Gift Agreement, per the City Manager's Administrative policy for gifts of \$25,000 or more, governs this charitable award which outlines the City's commitment, including:

- The development and distribution of engagement mailers and a pickleball survey; the hosting of up to three (3) community meetings and up to three (3) focus group meetings; and the development of conceptual designs for up to two pickleball locations with support of an engineering consultant.

ReCreate, the 2021 Parks and Recreation masterplan, identified the need for additional pickleball courts. Community Parks provide ideal accessibility and offer central locations for residents of all ages and

abilities. They cater to active recreation, foster social connections, and serve as hubs for social interaction. These parks are often equipped with the necessary infrastructure, making them prime locations to support and house a complex efficiently.

Previous pickleball feasibility conducted by PPD explored the viability of the City's Community Parks and assessed neighborhood setback for noise reduction, parking capacity, existing restroom facilities, floodway impacts, service gaps, separation from tennis, public transportation, and trail connectivity.

The investment of the Fort Collins Pickleball Club will build on PPD's feasibility assessment of pickleball facilities within Community Parks and meaningfully inform the development of future park amenities.

### **CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

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Upon adoption, this Ordinance will appropriate \$40,000 in philanthropic revenue for expenditure in the General Fund by Park Planning & Development. The funds have been received and accepted per City Give Administrative and Financial Policy.

The City Manager has also determined that these appropriations are available and previously unappropriated from the General Fund and 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 the General Fund during fiscal year 2024.

### **BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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None.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

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None.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Ordinance for Consideration