

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



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SUBJECT

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 004, 2024, Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations and Appropriating Related Funds for the Environmental Services Radon Program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on January 16, 2024, supports the City's Environmental Services Radon program by:

- Appropriating \$9,000 of unanticipated grant revenue awarded by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE); and
- Utilizing matching funds in the amount of \$6,000 from existing 2024 appropriations for this grant project.

In December 2023, CDPHE awarded the City \$9,000 under the CDPHE Indoor Radon grant program. The City will provide an additional \$6,000 in required matching funds. The award funds and City's matching funds will support radon testing and mitigation programs to protect public health for the Fort Collins community.

Pursuant to the State of Colorado Purchase Order Terms and Conditions, and in accordance with Section 1-22 of the City Code, the City Manager has accepted the grant agreement. The \$9,000 are federal funds from the Environmental Protection Agency being passed through to the City by CDPHE.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Radon is a priority indoor air quality pollutant in Fort Collins, as it is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers, and the second leading cause for smokers (after smoking). Radon tests show that sixty-five percent of homes in Fort Collins test higher than the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) defined "action levels" for mitigating radon gas. The Environmental Services Department will use these grant funds to augment existing programs for education and outreach to raise awareness of the health risks, provision of low-cost radon test kits to residents, and information to help mitigate high radon levels.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

This item appropriates \$9,000 in unanticipated revenue from the CDPHE in support of the Environmental Services Radon Program.

Required matching funds in the amount of \$6,000 have already been appropriated in the General Fund, specifically in the 2024 operating budget for Environmental Services. The \$6,000 will be transferred to the grant in the General Fund.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Radon is a priority pollutant identified by the Air Quality Advisory Board, but no formal recommendation was sought for appropriation of the grant funds to augment existing radon program efforts.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Public outreach regarding radon will be conducted throughout the year with radon presentations, provision of outreach materials and radon test kit sales.

ATTACHMENTS

First Reading attachments not included.

1. Ordinance for Consideration