

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



STAFF

Carly Garner, Police Services
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SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 045, 2024, Making a Supplemental Appropriation in the General Fund of the Internet Crimes Against Children Grant in Support of Fort Collins Police Services Cyber Crimes Unit.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to support the Fort Collins Police Services' Cyber Crimes Unit by appropriating \$6,585 of unanticipated grant revenue awarded by the Colorado Springs Police Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

In December 2023 the Colorado Springs Police Department awarded the City of Fort Collins \$6,585 in capacity as a subrecipient under the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) grant program (Attachment 2). The Colorado Springs Police Department is one of 61 national ICAC task forces that serves to administer DOJ grant program funds. The awarded federal pass-through funds will support personnel from Fort Collins Police Services' Cyber Crimes Unit to attend training conferences to combat technology-facilitated crimes against children.

Appropriation of these funds will allow members of the FCPS Cyber Crimes Unit to attend training relevant to the investigation of crimes involving CSAM (Child Sexual Abuse Material), Internet Luring, Child Exploitation, and other criminal matters related to the online exploitation of children. The scope of this training may include basic investigations, undercover investigations, proactive investigations, peer-2-peer networking investigations, and other relevant topics. Attending such training will allow Cyber Crimes investigators to better serve the Fort Collins community by providing enhanced skills and knowledge of the best practices in this field. Cyber Crimes is an ever-evolving field, and it is crucial for investigators to stay abreast of the most up-to-date techniques, resources, and equipment available for the successful investigation of these challenging crimes. These funds will be used to provide transportation, lodging, registration, and other necessary expenses for the travel of Cyber Crimes investigators to training classes and conferences. These funds were awarded through an annual grant offered by the DOJ ICAC, a task force with which the FCPS Cyber Crimes Unit collaborates on a regular basis.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

This item appropriates \$6,585 in unanticipated revenue from the DOJ's ICAC grant program in support of Police Services Cyber Crimes Unit.

There is no match requirement by the City under this grant.

This grant is a reimbursement type grant, meaning General Fund expenses will be reimbursed up to \$6,585.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance for Consideration
2. Internet Crimes Against Children Grant Agreement