

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



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SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 198, 2025, Making Supplemental Appropriations from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice for Restorative Justice Services and Approving a Modification to an Intergovernmental Grant Agreement with the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to appropriate \$4,000 of unanticipated grant revenue from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice Juvenile Diversion Fund awarded for the period of July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. This grant supports the Restorative Justice programs in the Housing and Community Vitality Department in Sustainability Services and approves the corresponding modification to the City's intergovernmental agreement with the State of Colorado.

Restorative Justice Programs (Programs) are part of the City's Conflict Transformation Works team, which also provide mediation services. The Programs will provide restorative justice services as an accountability option for 35 youth referred from the 8th Judicial District Attorney's Office.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Restorative Justice Services and its three programs: RESTORE for shoplifting offenses, Restorative Justice Conferencing Program (RJCP), and Reflect Program for all other offenses, have been partially grant-funded since inception in 2000. Since it began, Restorative Justice Services has provided a restorative justice alternative to more than 3,200 young people who committed chargeable offenses in our community. The Council yearly accepts grant funds from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice (CDCJ) to support Restorative Justice Services.

This CDCJ grant helps fund support for youth referred to the program from the 8th Judicial District Attorney's Office. Restorative Justice is an alternative method of holding a young person accountable by facilitating meeting(s) with the responsible youth, the victim/victim representative, and members of the community to determine the harm done by the crime and how to repair the harm. Criminal Justice Officials are optimistic that repeat offenses by youth will be reduced by identifying and repairing the harm caused by the crime and the needs and concerns of the victims and affected community will be addressed.

These Programs help young people understand how family, friends, victims and community are harmed by their actions and hold them accountable for the harm they caused. The intention is that these young people will make better future decisions and not commit the same or a similar crime again. Reducing future criminal behavior and keeping young people out of the justice system both contribute positively to a safer and healthier community. Addressing the needs and concerns of those harmed by crime and community members also has a positive effect on the overall health and safety of the community. As part of the programs, youth and families are referred to appropriate community resources based on needs identified during program participation.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

The item appropriates \$4,000 to cover personnel costs for the Restorative Justice Specialist and the Conflict Transformation Works Program Assistant for time spent on the Restorative Justice Services Program's Conflict Transformation Works program.

The grant from CDCJ is a reimbursement type grant, meaning General Fund expenses will be reimbursed up to \$4,000.

The City received previous funding under this grant in July 2025 shown in the table below. This action will bring total unanticipated grant revenue for Restorative Justice Services to \$39,637.

Prior Grant Appropriation	\$35,637
Funds to be Appropriated with this Action	\$4,000
Total Grant Award	\$39,637

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance No. 198, 2025