



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council

STAFF

Nina Bodenhamer, Director, City Give

SUBJECT

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 103, 2024, Appropriating Philanthropic Revenue Received by City Give for the Renovation of the Historic Carnegie Library as Designated by the Donor.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on July 16, 2024, appropriates \$100,000 in philanthropic revenue received by City Give for The Community Center for Creativity as designated by the donor.

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The historic 1904 Carnegie building is one of the oldest, continuously operating public buildings in Fort Collins. Carnegie libraries were often the first public libraries in communities across the country. Operated by the City of Fort Collins and designated a local Historic Landmark in 1978, the building is now the Community Center for Creativity (CCC) dedicated to providing affordable, community-focused cultural space.

The ambitious renovation focuses on both historic restoration and infrastructure investments to ensure the CCC continues to serve Fort Collins as an affordable, community-focused space for gallery exhibitions, performance, classes, and special events.

The current project estimate for the renovation is \$6,200,000, with \$2,200,000 provided through the generosity of local voters via a 2015 Community Capital Improvement Program ballot measure. A Community Revitalization Grant from the State's Colorado Creative Industries providing \$2,400,000 in funding. The City of Fort Collins General Fund invested \$900,000 in Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and structural upgrades as Phase 1 of this project.

Private funding provides the final funding needed to bring this valuable community amenity to fruition, including the appropriation of this charitable gift of \$100,000 awarded to the City from local resident Jackie Erickson, designated toward renovating the historic Carnegie Library and future Center for Creativity programming and operations.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

This Ordinance will appropriate \$100,000 in philanthropic revenue received by City Give for the Community Center for Creativity, Cultural Services. The funds have been received and accepted per the City Give Administrative and Financial Policy.

The City Manager has also determined that these appropriations are available and previously unappropriated from the designated funds and will not cause the total amount appropriated in these funds to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues and all other funds to be received in these funds during fiscal year 2024.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

First Reading attachments not included.

1. Ordinance for Consideration