

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



STAFF

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SUBJECT

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 105, 2024, Making a Supplemental Appropriation of Funds from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Environmental Justice Grant for the Cultivating Community-Led Resilient Homes Project and Approving a Related Intergovernmental Agreement.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on July 16, 2024, supports the City's commitment to advancing equity and environmental justice for all Fort Collins community members by appropriating \$168,874 of unanticipated grant revenue awarded by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) for the Cultivating Community-Led Resilient Homes project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

In spring 2024 the CDPHE awarded the City of Fort Collins (City) \$168,874 under the CDPHE's Environmental Justice (EJ) grant program (Exhibit A to the Ordinance). The award funds support the Healthy Homes program's Cultivating Community-Led Resilient Homes (CCLRH) project to improve indoor air quality and energy efficiency for low-income residents of Fort Collins and the Growth Management Area.

As demonstrated from the Budget incorporated into the grant, the grant requires no match by the City. The \$168,874 in grant funds will be used for direct costs in meeting the goal of the CCLRH project to create equitable access to healthy, energy efficient and resilient housing for 75 homes on a first-come-first-serve basis of low-income residents of designated neighborhoods. Residents from the remaining neighborhoods in the City will be eligible for the program using other funds.

The \$168,874 are state funds, with this being the second funding cycle under the CDPHE's EJ grant program initiated in 2023.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

This item appropriates \$168,874 in unanticipated revenue from the CDPHE under the EJ grant program in support of Environmental Sustainability's CCLRH project.

The EJ grant is a reimbursement type grant, meaning General Fund expenses will be reimbursed up to \$168,874.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

First Reading attachments not included.

1. Ordinance for Consideration
2. Exhibit A to Ordinance