

ORDINANCE NO. 045, 2024
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE
GENERAL FUND OF THE INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST
CHILDREN GRANT IN SUPPORT OF FORT COLLINS
POLICE SERVICES CYBER CRIME UNIT

A. Fort Collins Police Services (“FCPS”) Cyber Crimes unit investigates and combats technology-facilitated crimes against children, our community’s most vulnerable population.

B. 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.

C. 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.

D. The awarded federal pass-through funds will support personnel from FCPS Cyber Crimes Unit to attend training conferences to combat technology-facilitated crimes against children.

E. The purpose of this item is to request appropriation of \$6,585 in unanticipated grant funding revenue from Colorado Springs Police Department pass-through from the DOJ ICAC grant program.

F. 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.

G. 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.

H. This appropriation benefits public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Fort Collins and serves a public purpose of protecting our most vulnerable population of citizens by investigating crimes and holding perpetrators of those crimes accountable.

I. Article V, Section 9 of the City Charter permits the City Council, upon recommendation of the City Manager, to make a supplemental appropriation by ordinance at any time during the fiscal year, provided that the total amount of such supplemental appropriation, in combination with all previous appropriations for that fiscal year, do not exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues and all other funds to be received during the fiscal year.

J. The City Manager has recommended the appropriation described herein and determined that this appropriation is available and previously unappropriated from the General Fund and will not cause the total amount appropriated in the General Fund to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues and all other funds to be received in this Fund during this fiscal year.

K. Article V, Section 11 of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to designate in the ordinance when appropriating funds for a federal, state or private grant or donation, that such appropriation shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year in which the appropriation is made, but continue until the earlier of the expiration of the federal, state or private grant or the City's expenditure of all funds received from such grant.

L. The City Council wishes to designate the appropriation herein for the Internet Crimes Against Children Grant as an appropriation that shall not lapse until the earlier of the expiration of the grant or the City's expenditure of all funds received from such grant.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from new revenue or other funds in the General Fund the sum of SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$6,585) to be expended in the General Fund for the Fort Collins Police Services Cyber Crimes Unit.

Section 2. The appropriation herein for the Internet Crimes Against Children Grant is hereby designated, as authorized in Article V, Section 11 of the City Charter, as an appropriation that shall not lapse at the end of this fiscal year but continue until the earlier of the expiration of the grant or the City's expenditure of all funds received from such grant.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading on the March 19, 2024, and approved on second reading for final passage on the April 2, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Chief Deputy City Clerk

Effective Date: April 12, 2024

Approving Attorney: Dawn Downs