

ORDINANCE NO. 113, 2020  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS  
AND AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR THE NORTHSIDE AZTLAN RESILIENCE HUB PROJECT

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2019, the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) launched the Renewable/Clean Energy Challenge grant program to support energy efficiency efforts that align with needs and opportunities identified by local governments and will help the State of Colorado reach its 2040 100% renewable energy goal; and

WHEREAS, DOLA solicited Clean Energy Challenge grant projects with multiple objectives that targeted renewable energy, energy efficiency, and energy conservation efforts; supported innovations in renewable energy, and served populations with the greatest need; and

WHEREAS, in December 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic impacted Colorado communities and City facilities, the City filed a Clean Energy Challenge grant application detailing a \$425,000 project to create a resiliency hub at the Northside Aztlan recreation center by adding off-grid energy storage and management capabilities through battery systems to enable operation in emergencies where the electric grid may be impacted ("Northside Aztlan Resilience Hub project"); and

WHEREAS, throughout 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City used the Northside Aztlan Center property and facilities for waves of community sheltering and resiliency service efforts, through which the City demonstrated the community need and viability of the proposed Northside Aztlan Resilience Hub project; and

WHEREAS, DOLA selected the Northside Aztlan Resilience Hub project for a Clean Energy Challenge grant award of \$200,000, conditioned on a \$200,000 local fund match by the City, which staff has identified is available in the 2020 Utilities Energy Services budget from anticipated underspending due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, accepting the DOLA grant funds and commitment of matching funds, in conjunction with Keep Fort Collins Great monies and other community funding, to complete the Northside Aztlan Resilience Hub project will serve utility ratepayers by enabling installation of energy system features in a community emergency facility that will lower demands on the City's electric grid and leverage outside funding to reduce the financial impact on the Electric Utility enterprise fund ("Light & Power Fund") for the project; and

WHEREAS, appropriating the DOLA grant and other matching and complementary financial resources described in this Ordinance to complete the Northside Aztlan Resilience Hub project benefits public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Fort Collins and serves the public purpose of ensuring more stable standalone operation of the facility as a community emergency resource center ahead of the next pandemic or emergency; and

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

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended the appropriation described herein and determined that this appropriation is available and previously unappropriated from the Light & Power Fund and will not cause the total amount appropriated in the Light & Power Fund to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues to be received in that fund during any fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 10, of the City Charter authorizes the City Council, upon recommendation of the City Manager, to transfer by ordinance any unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount or portion thereof from one fund or capital project to another fund or capital project, provided that the purpose for which the transferred funds are to be expended remains unchanged, the purpose for which the funds were initially appropriated no longer exists, or the proposed transfer is from a fund or capital project in which the amount appropriated exceeds the amount needed to accomplish the purpose specified in the appropriation ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended the transfer of \$25,000 from the Keep Fort Collins Great Fund to the Light & Power Fund for the Northside Aztian Resilience Hub project and determined that the purpose for which the transferred funds are to be expended remains unchanged; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended the transfer of \$200,000 from the Utilities Energy Services operating budget to the Northside Aztian Resilience Hub project and determined that the proposed transfer is from an account in which the amount appropriated exceeds the amount needed to accomplish the purpose specified in the appropriation ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.


Section 2. That there is hereby appropriated from unanticipated grant revenue in the Light & Power Fund the sum of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000) for expenditure in the Light & Power Fund for the Northside Aztian Resilience Hub project and appropriated therein.

Section 3. That the unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount of TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000) is hereby authorized for transfer from the Keep Fort Collins Great Fund to the Light & Power Fund for the Northside Aztian Resilience Hub project and appropriated therein.

Section 4. That the unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000) is hereby authorized for transfer from the Energy Services operating budget to the Northside Aztlan Resilience Hub project.

Section 5. That the DOLA Renewable/Clean Energy Challenge grant program terms and conditions, as provided to the City, are approved and agreed to as a condition of accepting the grant funds without entering into a separate grant contract or intergovernmental agreement with the State.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 15th day of September, A.D. 2020, and to be presented for final passage on the 6th day of October, A.D. 2020.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk



Passed and adopted on final reading on the 6th day of October, A.D. 2020.

  
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