



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council

STAFF

Nina Bodenhamer, City Give Director

SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 086, 2024, Appropriating Philanthropic Revenue Received Through City Give for NextGen, Volunteer Services.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to request an appropriation of \$20,000 in philanthropic revenue received through City Give for the designated support of NextGen, Volunteer Services.

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 First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The Impact Fund, OtterCares Foundation provides grants to nonprofits and schools in Northern Colorado to support programs that directly teach the principles of entrepreneurship and/or philanthropy to K-12 students. The award to the City is designated to support Next Gen, Volunteer Services.

NextGen Serve is a City volunteer service club for youth ages 13-18 that focuses on growing leadership skills and service in the Fort Collins community. It is a free summer program designed to help teens explore careers they may not have considered, those in public service and philanthropy. Volunteers learn about a variety of career paths and work alongside City staff in various settings, including parks, natural areas, and gardens. NextGen also partners with non-profit organizations to introduce teens to philanthropy.

NextGen takes a holistic approach that builds job skills while creating community through team-building exercises. CSU interns are engaged as Crew Leaders and mentor teens throughout the summer. NextGen teens volunteer at a different City Department or non-profit each day of the program. Staff are present to talk about the mission of their program and how they found their career path. Volunteer work teaches teens the value of giving back and the joy that comes from teamwork.

Through NextGen, teens learn valuable job skills such as time management, good communication, and leadership. Teens begin their journey by completing an application and participating in interviews. For most, this is their first experience in an application process. At the end of the summer, teens are expected to give a short, capstone presentation in front of parents and City leaders to share their experiences.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

Upon adoption, this Ordinance will appropriate \$20,000 in philanthropic revenue for Volunteers Services. The funds have been received and accepted per City Give Administrative and Financial Policy.

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

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance for Consideration