

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



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SUBJECT

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 064, 2023, Appropriating Unanticipated Grant Revenue from the Colorado Energy Office's Community Access to Electric Bicycles Grant Program for the Choose Your Ride, Shift Your Ride Program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on April 18, 2023, supports the Choose Your Ride, Shift Your Ride project being administered by FC Moves in collaboration with Colorado State University in support of affordable active modes of transportation for low-income individuals by appropriating \$148,350 of unanticipated grant revenue, awarded by the Colorado Energy Office, to the Transportation Fund.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The Choose Your Ride, Shift Your Ride project (the "Project") supports electric micromobility, including shared micromobility for the most impoverished and marginalized of the Fort Collins population. Specifically, the Project, operated in collaboration with Colorado State University (CSU), does this by providing e-bikes or Spin e-bike/e-scooter share passes to people with low incomes in Fort Collins. Choose Your Ride, Shift Your Ride recognizes that everyone has unique transportation needs and so it is tailored to the individual. Each participant will be paired with a "Bike Buddy" who will work with the participants and project managers to select the right package, whether that is e-bike ownership or a multi-year Spin pass, including proper accessories, and will receive customized training from their Bike Buddy. In addition, there will be group rides and conversations to build a community network among participants that will last beyond the one-year Project where participants can continue to support each other.

The Colorado Energy Office (CEO) recently awarded a Community Access to Electric Bicycles Grant to FC Moves to support Choose Your Ride, Shift Your Ride.

The award is based on total project costs of \$163,330, with CEO providing \$148,350 in funds and the remaining \$14,980 being provided by FC Moves as a grant match. As presented in the project Statement of Work, total project costs (\$163,330) funding for purchase of e-bikes, SPIN passes, and personalized accessories for safety and needs, costs associated with personnel time for Bike Buddies to train and

support participants, and gift card incentives to encourage participation in classes, group rides and surveys to gather project information. Notably, CEO grant funds may be expended toward a SPIN pass for up to one year; however, to make the SPIN pass option more appealing to participants, the Project intends to fund SPIN passes for participants who choose SPIN (over e-bike ownership) for up to 3 years (but this additional funding is not included as part of this appropriation item).

The required match of \$14,980 will be provided by FC Moves staff in managing this project and required reporting to CEO throughout the project period. The term of performance for the Project is from May 2023 through April 2024.

Pursuant to the State of Colorado Small Dollar Grant Terms and Conditions, and in accordance with Section 1-22 of the City Code, the City Manager has accepted the grant agreement.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

This item appropriates \$148,350 in project costs for the Choose Your Ride, Shift Your Ride project from unanticipated grant revenue from CEO.

Additionally, required matching funds in the amount of \$14,980 have already been appropriated in the 2023 Transportation Fund in the FC Moves operating budget. The total project cost is \$163,330.

This grant from the CEO is a reimbursement type grant, meaning Transportation Fund expenses will be reimbursed up to \$148,350.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

N/A

PUBLIC OUTREACH

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

First Reading attachments not included.

1. Ordinance for Consideration