



## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council

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### STAFF

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Nina Bodenhamer, City Give Director  
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### SUBJECT

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**First Reading of Ordinance No. 142, 2023, Appropriating Philanthropic Revenue Received Through City Give for the Art in Public Places Program, Pianos About Town Project.**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The purpose of this item is to consider an appropriation of \$45,221 in philanthropic revenue received by City Give for the Art in Public Places program. This grant award was received from Bohemian Foundation for the designated purpose of Pianos About Town, a collaborative effort among the City's Art in Public Places program, the Fort Collins Downtown Development Authority, and the donor, Bohemian Foundation.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Staff recommend adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

### BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

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Pianos About Town is a collaboration between the City's Art in Public Places program (APP), the Downtown Development Authority's Art in Action program, and Bohemian Foundation. The project involves local artists painting or artistically decorating pianos at the Art in Action tent in Old Town Square where the public can watch the creative process and interact with the artists.

Pianos About Town contributes to the vibrancy of Fort Collins, making art and music fun and accessible for all. These colorfully painted pianos are rotated throughout Fort Collins for the public to enjoy as both musical instruments and works of art.

The \$45,221 in philanthropic revenue is a partial award toward the total 2023/2024 grant of \$92,336.

The first pianos were placed in Old Town in 2010. Since then, more than 130 donated pianos have been decorated and placed into rotation at sites throughout Fort Collins. The painting and decorating of pianos takes place throughout the year but is moved to indoor venues during the winter months. Area businesses play a key role in the success of the project by "adopting" the painted pianos and covering them during inclement weather.

The City's responsibilities for the funding include but are not limited to: annually acquiring, repairing, pre-painting, preparing, and tuning twelve to thirteen pianos; the coordination of placement, moving and piano tuning; working with appropriate City departments, the DDA and property owners on logistics for placing pianos in desired locations; selecting and managing the visual artists; managing logistics with area partners

or other entities to cover and uncover pianos; and collaborating with Bohemian Foundation to host Pianos About Town related events.

The grant is awarded by Bohemian Foundation, a Fort Collins-based private family foundation that supports local, national, and global efforts to build strong communities. Funding for Equity Indicators was awarded by Bohemian Foundation’s Community Programs which is committed to the care and enrichment of our local community.

**CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

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If adopted, this Ordinance will appropriate \$45,221 in unanticipated philanthropic revenue in the Cultural Services and Facilities Fund for the Art in Public Places program. The funds have been received and accepted per City Give Administrative and Financial Policy.

The City Manager recommends the appropriation described herein and determined that this appropriation is available and previously unappropriated from the Cultural Services and Facilities Fund and will not cause the total amount appropriated in the Cultural Services and Facilities Fund to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues to be received in the Cultural Services and Facilities Fund during this fiscal year.

**BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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None.

**PUBLIC OUTREACH**

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None.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Ordinance for Consideration