

RESOLUTION 2024-131
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS AND LARIMER
COUNTY TO EXPAND NOCOBIZ CONNECT ACROSS LARIMER
COUNTY

A. In the 2023-2024 budget cycle, the City funded the development of a free, voluntary, and regional sustainable business program called NOCOBiz Connect (“NBC”). Currently, NBC is open to every business in Fort Collins. It educates businesses about sustainable business practices, provides personalized resource navigation services and recognizes businesses for their sustainability efforts. The program is administered through a contractor.

B. The City and Larimer County (the “County”) seek to allow Larimer County to access the NBC platform. This will allow businesses outside of Fort Collins but within Larimer County to join the growing NBC network. NBC will be a single, consistent presence in our region for businesses interested in sustainable business programing.

C. City and County staff have developed an Intergovernmental Agreement (the “Agreement”), which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, and incorporated herein by this reference. The Agreement will allow the County to have access to NBC’s program website, several data trackers, templates, branding, materials, physical collateral, and operational systems and processes.

D. The Agreement requires the County to independently contract with the contractor that administers the NBC, along with the State of Colorado’s Green Business Network Program for related business outreach services.

E. The Agreement also requires the County to make annual payments to the City for access to NBC between \$4,000 and \$15,000 per year for five years, depending on the amount in the County budget for its Sustainable Small Business Program.

F. Colorado Revised Statutes Section 29-1-203 provides that governments may cooperate or contract with one another to provide certain services or facilities when the cooperation or contracts are authorized by each party thereto with the approval of its legislative body or other authority having the power to so approve.

G. Article II, Section 16 of the City Charter empowers the City Council, by ordinance or resolution, to enter into contracts with governmental bodies to furnish governmental services and make charges for such services, or enter into cooperative or joint activities with other governmental bodies.

H. Under Section 1-22 of the City Code, intergovernmental agreements and other cooperative arrangements between the City and other governmental entities are to

be submitted to the City Council for review, unless they fit within one of the exceptions that permit execution by the City Manager.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A," with such modifications, additions and future amendments as the City Manager, in consultation with the City Attorney, determines to be necessary and appropriate to protect the interests of the City or effectuate the purposes set forth herein and not otherwise inconsistent with this Resolution.

Passed and adopted on November 4, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: November 4, 2024

Approving Attorney: Ted Hewitt