

RESOLUTION 2024-127
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
SUPPORTING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR PEACE OFFICERS
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORT FUNDING FOR FORT
COLLINS POLICE SERVICES

A. Fort Collins Police Services (“FCPS”) is applying for a grant through the Peace Officers Behavioral Health Support and Community Partnerships Grant Program (“Program”) from the State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs (“DOLA”) to fund hiring a Mental Health Counselor to provide psychological services for police officers and their family members (“Counselor”).

B. As part of the Program grant application process, DOLA requires that the governing body of any entity applying for grant funds pass a resolution to show that it is aware of and supports the application.

C. The City would not be required to provide any matching funds if awarded this grant.

D. The Program supports law enforcement agencies in providing funding for various programs, including: (1) counseling services for police officers and their family members; (2) training and educational programs that teach about the systems of job-related mental trauma, and how to prevent and treat such trauma; and (3) peer support programs for peace officers.

E. The total amount of grant money to be dispersed statewide by DOLA amongst applicant agencies is approximately \$1,700,000 for fiscal year (“FY”) 2024-2025 Program funding.

F. Currently, FCPS’ Office of Human Services provides behavioral health support to police officers through a Police Psychologist.

G. FCPS recognizes that a single provider no longer supports the needs of its police officers in light of the changes in the socio-cultural environment for law enforcement and the increased work stressors.

H. The grant money would allow FCPS to hire a Counselor who would work under the direction of the current Police Psychologist to provide counseling, crisis intervention services, and mental health education and training.

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 as follows:

Section 1. The City Council hereby supports the City’s FY 2024-2025 application for a grant through the Program from DOLA to fund the hiring of a Counselor.

Section 2. If the grant is awarded, the City Council supports the hiring of a Counselor.

Passed and adopted on November 4, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: November 4, 2024
Approving Attorney: Sara Arfmann