

ORDINANCE NO. 146, 2024
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF COLORADO
DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRANT REVENUES FOR
VARIOUS RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SERVICES PROGRAMS

A. Restorative Justice Programs within Community Development and Neighborhood Services (“CDNS”) operates three programs: RESTORE for shoplifting offenses, the Restorative Justice Conferencing Program and the Reflect Program for all other offenses.

B. Restorative Justice Services programs hold young offenders accountable by helping them understand how family, friends, victims, and the community are harmed by their actions, and holding offenders accountable for the harm they caused to help them make better decisions in the future.

C. Since its inception, Restorative Justice Services has provided restorative justice alternatives to more than 3,200 young people who have committed chargeable offenses in our community.

D. Restorative Justice Services has been partially grant-funded since 2000, and has accepted grant funds on an annual basis from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice to support City Restorative Justice Services programs.

E. Restorative Justice Services received an award of \$40,428 from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice that was included in the Annual Adjustment ordinance (Ordinance No. 134, 2024), which passed on Second Reading on October 1, 2024.

F. An additional grant award of \$13,000 was received from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice for the continued operation of Restorative Justice programs, for a total grant award of \$53,428.

G. No local match is required, and the grant period is July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

H. This grant funds programs to assist young people referred to Restorative Justice Services from the 8th Judicial District Attorney’s Office.

I. This appropriation benefits the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Fort Collins and serves the public purpose of reducing future criminal behavior and keeping young people out of the justice system, contributing positively to a safer, healthier community. Addressing the needs and concerns of those harmed by crime and community members also has a positive effect on the overall community health and safety.

J. Article V, Section 9 of the City Charter permits City Council, upon recommendation of the City Manager, to make a supplemental appropriation by ordinance at any time during the fiscal year, provided that the total amount of such supplemental appropriation, in combination with all previous appropriations for that fiscal year, do not exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues and all other funds to be received during the fiscal year.

K. The City Manager has recommended the appropriation described herein and determined that this appropriation is available and previously unappropriated from the General Fund and will not cause the total amount appropriated in the General Fund to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues and all other funds to be received in this Fund during this fiscal year.

L. Article V, Section 11 of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to designate in the ordinance when appropriating funds for a federal, state or private grant or donation, that such appropriation shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year in which the appropriation is made, but continue until the earlier of the expiration of the federal, state or private grant or the City's expenditure of all funds received from such grant.

M. The City Council wishes to designate the appropriation herein for the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice Grant as an appropriation that shall not lapse until the earlier of the expiration of the grant or the City's expenditure of all funds received from such grant.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from new revenue or other funds in the General Fund the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$13,000) to be expended in the General Fund for Various Restorative Justice Services Programs.

Section 2. The appropriation herein for the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice Grant is hereby designated, as authorized in Article V, Section 11 of the City Charter, as an appropriation that shall not lapse at the end of this fiscal year but continue until the earlier of the expiration of the grant or the City's expenditure of all funds received from such grant.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading on October 15, 2024, and approved on second reading for final passage on November 4, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: November 14, 2024

Approving Attorney: Yvette Lewis-Molock