



**BACKGROUND PAPER FOR PROPOSED
ORDINANCE**

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: **December 27, 2021**

TO: President Lawrence W. Atencio and Members of City Council

CC: Nicholas A. Gradisar, Mayor

VIA: Marisa Stoller, City Clerk

FROM: Chief Steven "Chris" Noeller, Police Department

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PUEBLO, THROUGH THE PUEBLO POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY, ADMINISTERED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, ACCEPTING \$53,186 FOR COMMUNITY POLICING DEVELOPMENT AND DE-ESCALATION TRAINING, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAME, AND ESTABLISHING PROJECT NUMBER PS2113

SUMMARY:

The U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ") has awarded Fort Hays State University grant funds for Community Policing Development and De-Escalation Training. The Pueblo Police Department has been selected by Fort Hays State University to be a sub-award recipient for a portion of those funds (\$53,186.00), facilitating training in Community Policing and De-Escalation for officers of the Department.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:

Previous grants of this nature have routinely been approved when offered.

BACKGROUND:

Fort Hays State University and the Central Region of the National De-Escalation Training Center had been awarded grant funding from the Department of Criminal Justice to participate in Community Policing Development and De-Escalation Training. The purpose of the program is to advance de-escalation training and community policing as common practices by law enforcement agencies across the United States.

The concept of community policing has been around for many years and continues to be an integral part in the way policing is done, not only in our department and community but across the United States. De-Escalation is not a new concept to policing but this training will help Officers better understand the principles and practices of de-escalation so that the idea can be implemented and deployed properly in the field when dealing with stressful situations and the citizens of the community.

The City of Pueblo and the Pueblo Police Department will be required to send Officers to Fort Hays State University to be trained in the principles and practices of community policing development and de-escalation. The City of Pueblo and the Pueblo Police Department will be responsible for payment to get the Officers to Fort Hays State University, which include things such as travel, food, and lodging, but will be reimbursed in full by Fort Hays State University when the training is completed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

This ordinance creates project number PS2113. The Police Department has been awarded a total of \$53,186.00 by Fort Hays State University in conjunction with the Department of Justice. Part of the \$53,186.00 will apply to any overtime associated with the training and FICA contributions related to the overtime.

BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

Not applicable to this Ordinance.

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:

There is no stakeholder process required for this award.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative would be to not accept the grant and miss out on quality training that is being offered to the City and the Police Department at no effective cost.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the Ordinance.

Attachments:

Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) between Fort Hays State University and the City of Pueblo

ORDINANCE NO. 10094

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WHEREAS, the City Council of Pueblo has the authority on behalf of the City of Pueblo, including its Police Department, to accept funding from Fort Hays State University for public and municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, Fort Hays State University in conjunction with the Department of Justice and in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") between Fort Hays State University and the City of Pueblo, has tendered an award in a total amount of \$53,186.00 for the training of Officers in the concepts of community policing development and de-escalation, upon conditions recited therein or incorporated therein by reference; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the funding for the purposes for which it has been made is in the best interest of the City and will benefit the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of the City; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PUEBLO, that:

SECTION 1.

The Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") between the City of Pueblo, a Municipal Corporation, through its Police Department, and Fort Hays State University in conjunction with the Department of Justice, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, having been approved as to form by the City Attorney, is hereby approved.

SECTION 2.

The Mayor is authorized to execute and deliver the aforesaid MOU in the name of the City and the City Clerk is directed to affix the seal of the City thereto and attest same.

SECTION 3.

Project Number PS2113 is hereby established.

SECTION 4.

All funds accepted under this Ordinance and the MOU shall be budgeted and appropriated into Project Number PS2113.

SECTION 5.

The officers and staff of the City are authorized to perform any and all acts consistent with the intent of this Ordinance and the attached MOU to implement the policies and procedures described herein.

SECTION 6.

This Ordinance shall become effective on the date of final action by the Mayor and City Council.

Action by City Council:

Introduced and initial adoption of Ordinance by City Council on December 27, 2021.

Final adoption of Ordinance by City Council on January 10, 2022.

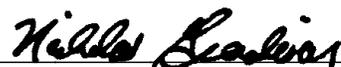


President of City Council

Action by the Mayor:

Approved on January 12, 2022.

Disapproved on _____ based on the following objections:



Mayor

Action by City Council After Disapproval by the Mayor:

Council did not act to override the Mayor's veto.

Ordinance re-adopted on a vote of _____, on _____

Council action on _____ failed to override the Mayor's veto.

President of City Council

ATTEST



City Clerk

