

MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS

FROM: MAYOR TIMOTHY J. MAHONEY 

DATE: MAY 26, 2026

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SPIRIT OF FARGO FUNDS FOR USE AT THE
RESOURCE AND RECOVERY CENTER**

Enclosed for your consideration is a draft Resolution requesting the Impact Foundation to approve the release and expenditure of the remaining sum of approximately \$144,000.00 held in the City's "Spirit of Fargo" fund toward the fit-up, installation of necessary fixtures and equipment, and supportive operations including winter warming shelter, at the new Resource and Recovery Center location at 2001 1st Avenue North.

The fund agreement provides that the funds be used "...to support initiatives, programs, and projects in the areas of education, economic development and civic/faith-based partnerships in the Cass County, ND area to reduce the negative impact of flooding and other natural disasters." We all well know that our City and the surrounding area have experienced both river- and rainfall-event flooding and other natural disasters including ice storms, snow storms and blizzards, extreme cold spells and we know about the infrastructure failures that can result from such natural disasters including fires, power outages, frozen water pipes and plumbing, loss of heat and the like. The people affected by such events will include Fargo residents, travelers and others and those people will need the supportive assistance and programing, including temporary winter warming shelter, being provided at the R & R Center in the event of such disasters.

I would appreciate your approval of the Resolution.

SUGGESTED MOTION: To adopt, as presented, the Resolution -- Use of "Spirit of Fargo" Funds for the Resource and Recovery Center Fit-Up and Programming in the Event of Flooding and Natural Disasters.

COMMISSIONER _____ introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION -- USE OF "SPIRIT OF FARGO" FUNDS
FOR THE RESOURCE AND RECOVERY CENTER FIT-UP AND PROGRAMMING IN THE EVENT OF
FLOODING AND NATURAL DISASTERS

WHEREAS, By Resolution of the Fargo City Commission, a 2009 flood disaster relief fund was established for the purpose of collecting donations and administering the fund to appropriate purposes and the "Spirit of Fargo" fund was then established with the fund being administered by the Impact Foundation in accordance with a fund agreement dated April 3, 2009 and amended November 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, By such agreement, the contributions to the fund are to be used "...to support initiatives, programs, and projects in the areas of education, economic development and civic/faith-based partnerships in Cass County, ND area to reduce the negative impact of flooding and other natural disasters;" and

WHEREAS, the City has acquired by lease the use of a 45,000 square foot building located at 2001 1st Avenue North, in Fargo, consisting of office space and warehouse space and the City is fitting up the building, at a cost of over \$1.5 million, to serve as the City's new Resource and Recovery Center (the "**R & R Center**") and, as a result, the new R & R Center will allow the City in partnership with a number of local non-profit organizations to provide education, supportive assistance including temporary winter warming shelter and programming for persons and families in need including temporary warming shelter; and

WHEREAS, The City of Fargo and the surrounding area has experienced both river-flooding and rainfall-event flooding and other natural disasters including ice storms, snow storms and blizzards, extreme cold spells and the infrastructure failures that can result from such natural disasters including fires, power outages, frozen water pipes and plumbing, loss of heat, and the like, and these consequences have, in the past, prompted the need in the City for such supportive assistance and programming to assist those in need, including Fargo residents, travelers and others; and

WHEREAS, It is the wish and desire of the Board of City Commissioners to use the existing and remaining funds held by the Impact Foundation to fund the fit-up, installation of necessary fixtures and equipment, and supportive operations of the City's new R & R Center for such purposes and, therefore, to request that the Impact Foundation authorize such expenditures accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Fargo, ND, hereby requests the Impact Foundation to release or expend the existing and remaining funds of the "Spirit of Fargo Flood Fund" to be used by the City of Fargo for fit-up, installation of necessary fixtures and equipment, and supportive operations at the R & R Center, 2001 1st Avenue North, Fargo, thereby allowing the City and its partners to address the

needs of those negatively affected by flooding and other natural disasters including ice storms, snow storms and blizzards, extreme cold spells and the infrastructure failures that can result from such natural disasters including fires, power outages, frozen water pipes and plumbing, loss of heat and the like.

Dr. Timothy J. Mahoney, Mayor

Attest:

Angie Bear, Deputy City Auditor
on behalf of the City Auditor

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by COMMISSIONER _____, and upon roll call vote, the following voted in favor thereof: COMMISSIONERS _____. The following were absent and not voting: _____, and the following voted against the same: _____, whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.