

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, APPROVING THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE SALE OF THE DENVER BRONCOS; FINDING A PUBLIC PURPOSE FOR THE USE OF THOSE FUNDS; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS

WHEREAS, in August of 2022, the Denver Broncos were sold to new owners, which triggered an earlier agreement in which cities that contributed tax dollars to the construction of the stadium be repaid upon the sale of the team, and the City of Brighton was a contributing municipality to the stadium tax; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brighton (“City”) received a one-time payment of four hundred fifty-four thousand eighty-four dollars and ninety-three cents (\$454,084.93) from the Metropolitan Football Stadium District with the restriction that the funds be used on “youth activities programs”; and

WHEREAS, the City Council reviewed options for the distribution of these funds in January and February of 2023 at study sessions and recommended one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) for 27J Schools located within the City limits to support the one-time purchase of physical education and sports equipment, arts and humanities programs, sports safety equipment and uniforms and one hundred four thousand eighty-four dollars and ninety-three cents (\$104,084.93) to support community youth programs through grants; and

WHEREAS, whenever the City grants or donates to other corporate entities, such as a school district or other non-profit corporation, the City must make a finding of public purpose to comply with the State Constitution for these donations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that donating to 27J Schools operating in the City or serving the children of the City benefits the community and the children in the City and similarly issuing grants to community youth programs supports the youth of the City of Brighton, improves the programs, and generally improves the welfare of the residents of the City of Brighton.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Brighton, Colorado, as follows:

Section 1. The City Council approves a donation to 27J Schools for \$150,000.00 and finds this donation serves the public purpose of supporting educational and sports programs for the youth and children of the City.

Section 2. The City Council approves the sum of \$104,084.93 for grants to community youth programs and finds these donations serve the public purpose of enhancing the quality of youth programs and benefit the youth of the City.

Section 3. The City Manager is hereby authorized to negotiate and, after consultation with the City Attorney, execute grant agreements with 27J School District and community youth programs selected as recipients for such grants in accordance with the criteria set forth in this Resolution.

Section 4. This Resolution is effective as of the date of its adoption.

RESOLVED this 21st day of March 2023.

CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO

GREGORY MILLS, Mayor

ATTEST:

NATALIE HOEL, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ALICIA CALDERÓN, City Attorney