

# CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION



**MEETING DATE:** November 30, 2021

**ITEM NUMBER:** 12.I

**SECOND READING:**

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**TYPE OF ITEM:** Consent

**PRESENTED BY:**

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**SUBJECT/AGENDA TITLE:**

A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving The Agreement Between The City And The NextFifty Initiative For Grant Funding For Firestops At Longmont Housing Authority Senior Independent Living Facilities

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

NextFifty Initiative is a Colorado-based private foundation dedicated to funding mission-driven initiatives that improve the lives of the older adult population and their caregivers. These grant funds will allow the purchase of FireStops, an easy to install device designed to suppress potential fires that may occur on a stove top. These funds will provide this equipment for the Longmont Housing Authority (LHA)-owned older adult properties.

**COUNCIL OPTIONS:**

1. Accept grant funds
2. Reject grant funds

**RECOMMENDED OPTIONS:**

Accept the grant funds as requested.

**FISCAL IMPACT & FUND SOURCE FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

None. This is a one-time expense, and no matching funds are required.

**BACKGROUND AND ISSUE ANALYSIS:**

Cooking fires are the leading cause of residential structure fires. During and after a recent fire event at an LHA-owned senior property, staff observed the fiscal and disruptive impacts when a smoke or fire situation occurs. Lives are disrupted during the initial emergency as well as afterward when significant damage from smoke and fire sprinklers occurs. At times residents may have to be relocated while the areas are cleaned and repaired which can cause significant disruption for older persons. FireStops are easily and quickly installed on traditional vented hood rangetops. A fire-suppressing powder is automatically delivered to both the front and back burners when activated by direct, sustained contact with a flame. FireStops are generally activated before the fire sprinklers are activated, suppressing the fire

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without water, which can save the property thousands of dollars in water damage repair. Lisa Gallinar, LHA Regional Property Manager, recommended installation of this equipment based on her experience managing other properties before joining the LHA.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Grant Agreement