

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Resolution Appropriating Existing Funds to the E-Bike Voucher Program (2nd reading)
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Issue

The E-Bike Voucher Program awards vouchers to local residents using funds from Dockless Mobility Permit Program revenues from the Bike Infrastructure Capital Fund and already-appropriated Climate Action Funds. The attached Resolution would re-appropriate \$50,000 from each of those Funds into the E-Bike Voucher Program Fund for use in 2026.

Background / Rule

In 2025, City Council re-allocated funds from the Climate Action Fund and Dockless Mobility Permit revenues into a new fund for the E-Bike Voucher Pilot Program. Each funding source contributed \$75,000, funding the Pilot Program at \$150,000 for 2025. Of that funding, \$100,000 was programmed for use in the Voucher Lottery Pilot, which has successfully awarded 100, \$1,000 vouchers to City residents across four quarterly drawings. The remaining \$50,000 was intended to support a second Pilot that would be focused on income-qualifying residents, but City Staff found that, rather than developing a second program, refinements to the Lottery Pilot would provide additional benefits to qualified residents and be far simpler and more effective to administer.

Analysis

The attached Resolution would again re-allocate funds from Dockless Mobility Permit revenues in the Bike Infrastructure Capital Fund and from the Climate Action Fund to fund quarterly drawings, with \$50,000 contributed from each source. Along with the remaining \$50,000 from the 2025 E-Bike Funds, this would fund the Program for calendar year 2026 at \$150,000. Along with a higher quarterly average for the amount funding (\$25,000 per quarter in 2025, versus \$37,500 in 2026), the number of vouchers available will also increase to 36 per quarter. Voucher winners will also be eligible to receive free helmets and quality bike locks. To direct these vouchers more consistently with need, the Voucher Lottery will have 12 vouchers at three different tiers:

1. \$500 vouchers, available to all City residents 18 years of age or older;
2. \$1,000 vouchers, available to all City residents 18 years of age or older earning $\leq 80\%$ of Area Median Income (AMI); and
3. \$1,500 vouchers, available to all City residents 18 years of age or older that are enrolled in SNAP, WIC, TANF, or Medicaid.

Sign-ups for the Voucher Lottery are open as of January 1st at cvilleebike.com and residents can upload documentation of income or qualifying programs through the sign-up page.

Financial Impact

The attached Resolution will not create any additional financial impact for the City, as it is re-appropriating existing funds. The Voucher Program would continue to operate using existing funds in the E-Bike Program Fund for the first quarter of calendar year 2026.

Recommendation

City Staff recommends City Council adopt the attached Resolution appropriating existing funds to the E-Bike Voucher Program to continue the successes of the Program in making e-bikes a financially-accessible mobility option for City residents in 2026.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

"I make a Motion to adopt the attached Resolution appropriating existing funds to the E-Bike Voucher Program."

Attachments

1. E-Bike Voucher Program Resolution
2. E-bike Council Presentation 260202 (2)