

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team
at MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org by 3:00pm on Monday.

**All fields must be completed.*
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Date of Request: July 14, 2014

Please mark one: ☒ Bill Request or ☐ Resolution Request

1. Has your agency submitted this request in the last 12 months?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain:

2. **Title:** (Include a concise, one sentence description - include name of company or contractor and contract control number - that clearly indicates the type of request: grant acceptance, contract execution, amendment, municipal code change, supplemental request, etc.)

An ordinance request to approve a contract with Revision International for the acquisition of 3738 Morrison Road and related soft costs for the creation of a neighborhood-serving food HUB/grocery store.

3. **Requesting Agency:** OED/HAND

4. **Contact Person:** (with actual knowledge of proposed ordinance)

- **Name:** Jodi Adkins
- **Phone:** 720-913-1529
- **Email:** jodi.adkins@denvergov.org

5. **Contact Person:** (with actual knowledge of proposed ordinance who will present the item at Mayor-Council and who will be available for first and second reading, if necessary)

- **Name:** Seneca Holmes
- **Phone:** 720-913-1533
- **Email:** seneca.holmes@denvergov.org

6. **General description of proposed ordinance including contract scope of work if applicable:**

The proposed ordinance is to contract with the non-profit organization Revision International to acquire the site located at 3738 Morrison Road in the Westwood neighborhood. Funds will also be used for soft costs such as earnest money, closing costs and relocation costs for existing tenants. Revision will develop a food hub which will provide fresh, healthy food to neighborhood residents. This area is currently considered a food desert.

Please include the following:

- a. **Duration:** May 15, 2014 – March 31, 2015
- b. **Location:** 3738 Morrison Road, Westwood
- c. **Affected Council District:** 3
- d. **Benefits:** To provide a neighborhood food center for the benefit of the neighborhood residents.
- e. **Costs:** \$1,200,000 CDBG

7. **Is there any controversy surrounding this ordinance?** (groups or individuals who may have concerns about it?) **Please explain.** No known controversy.

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Executive Summary

Revision International (Revision) is a non-profit based in the Westwood neighborhood whose mission is to work with people in marginalized neighborhoods to develop leaders, cultivate community food systems, and grow resilient local economies.

This project provides \$1,200,000 of CDBG funds for the acquisition and related soft costs associated with the creation of the Westwood Food Hub through the purchase of 3738 Morrison Road.

Since 2009 Revision has empowered families to plant organic vegetable gardens in their backyards through a community-based model. The project started five years ago with seven families growing to 300 families this year. In Westwood, 35% of the population lives below the poverty line, compared to 15% of families in the Denver overall. Over 95 % of children in the neighborhood are eligible for free- or reduced-price lunch.

The Westwood food HUB - the first of its kind in a Denver food desert neighborhood- will aggregate, process, market and distribute food grown by the 300+ urban farmers Revision already supports. The food hub and grocery store will be operated by the Westwood Food cooperative, a co-op founded and incubated by Revision.

This is a performance based loan and will be secured by a Deed of Trust on the property and will be forgiven after the term of the loan (25 years) as long as the facility continues to serve low and moderate income persons for those 25 years.

Contract amount(s):

\$1,200,000

Source of funds:

HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), regulation citation: 24 CFR Part 570.201: Eligible Activities. These funds are monitored by OED staff and data collected is reported back to HUD.

Term:

May 15, 2014 – March 31, 2015.

Accomplishments

For contract term, Revision will purchase 3738 Morrison Road and create the Westwood food hub/grocery in the Westwood neighborhood within the City and County of Denver.

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