

DEDO ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Date of Request: 9/14/20

Please mark one: Bill Request or Resolution Request

1. Type of Request:

- Contract/Grant Agreement Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Rezoning/Text Amendment
 Dedication/Vacation Appropriation/Supplemental DRMC Change
 Other:

2. Title: Amends a contract between Denver Economic Development & Opportunity and the Colorado Nonprofit Development Center by adding an additional \$2,000,000 in federal coronavirus relief funds to continue to administer Denver’s relief and recovery grant program in response to significant demand from local, small nonprofits.

3. Requesting Agency: Denver Economic Development & Opportunity (DEDO)

4. Contact Person:

Contact person with knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution	Contact person to present item at Mayor-Council and Council
Name: Irene Aguilar (720) 913-1662	Name: Susan Liehe 720-480-3481 (m)
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5. General a text description or background of the proposed request, if not included as an executive summary.

See Executive Summary

6. City Attorney assigned to this request (if applicable): Brian Martin

7. City Council District: Citywide

Key Contract Terms

Type of Contract: (e.g. Professional Services > \$600K; IGA/Grant Agreement, Sale or Lease of Real Property):
Professional Services

Vendor/Contractor Name: COLORADO NONPROFIT DEVELOPMENT CENTER (CNDC)

Contract control number: OEDEV- 202054860-01

Location: 789 Sherman Street, Suite 250
Denver, CO 80203

Is this a new contract? Yes No **Is this an Amendment?** Yes No **If yes, how many?** 1

Contract Term/Duration (for amended contracts, include existing term dates and amended dates):
6/1/2020 through 12/31/2020

Contract Amount (indicate existing amount, amended amount and new contract total):

<i>Current Contract Amount</i> (A)	<i>Additional Funds</i> (B)	<i>Total Contract Amount</i> (A+B)
\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$4,000,000

<i>Current Contract Term</i>	<i>Added Time</i>	<i>New Ending Date</i>
6/1/2020 - 12/31/2020	None	12/31/2020

Scope of work: *See Executive Summary for program elements.*

Was this contractor selected by competitive process? If not, why not?

In creating this program, DEDO reached out to five local organizations that have capacity and interest to support this grant program. For the solicitation request, committee members requested the five organizations to go through a series of questions that demonstrated their ability to administer a rapid-response relief grant for eligible nonprofit organizations. The program solicitation committee compiled, reviewed, and scored the responses, and moved forward with the three top candidates to submit a formal letter of interest that detailed their expertise, technical capabilities, and fee structure for further consideration.

The committee ultimately selected the Colorado Nonprofit Development Center (CNDC) to be this grant program administrator because, as a community-based nonprofit, it is uniquely positioned to understand the needs and challenges of other community-based organizations, whether those be financial, business, or programmatic. CNDC's deep relationships with both formal and informal nonprofit groups (i.e., fiscally sponsored groups and organizations), a deep value and articulation of considerations to vulnerable communities, as well as the external resources they provide nonprofits in their everyday work, all set them apart from the other assessed candidates.

Has this contractor provided these services to the City before? Yes No

Source of funds: Federal coronavirus relief funds

Is this contract subject to: W/MBE DBE SBE XO101 ACDBE N/A

WBE/MBE/DBE commitments (construction, design, DEN concession contracts): N/A

Who are the subcontractors to this contract? N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Based on significant demand and with accelerated application review and contracting systems in place, DEDO continues to actively provide grant assistance up to a maximum of \$15,000 per grantee to eligible Denver nonprofit organizations to alleviate impacts resulting from COVID-19. This rapid-response funding program is supporting nonprofits in Denver to continue critical programs and services for residents across a spectrum of needs. CNDC receives up to 5% of the program cost for its services, including financial review, issuing and disbursing grant funds, and following up with grantees as needed.

Nonprofit applicants are reviewed according to the following criteria:

- Disruption of services and programs;
- Increased demands;
- Decreased donations; and
- New or expanded services in response to COVID-19.

To make this grant program as inclusive, diverse, and equitable as possible, priority is being given to nonprofits that:

- Operate in vulnerable communities;
- Have staff and board members representative of the communities they serve;
- May not have access to traditional public funding; and
- May provide programs and/or support directly related to COVID-19 relief.

This grant program seeks to ensure Denver residents have access to the essential support and services that nonprofit organizations provide to communities throughout the city. DEDO oversees program implementation and works closely with CNDC throughout the grant cycle.

With this proposed contract amendment/extension, and accounting for administrative costs, the program is expected to serve approximately 340 local nonprofits with one-time individual grants capped at \$15,000 through December 31, 2020.

The initial two rounds for this grant program resulted in 148 nonprofit organizations receiving \$1,556,119 in funds.

Round 3 for this grant closed on September 11, 2020 at 4:59 p.m. and awardees will be notified on October 2, 2020.