

BY AUTHORITY

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2 ORDINANCE NO. _____
3 SERIES OF 2026

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB26-0366
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Finance and Business

A BILL

For an ordinance authorizing expenditures in the General Government Special Revenue Fund based on a letter of intent from the United States of America to award funding to the City and County of Denver for the “Denver Great Kids Head Start FY 2026-2027” program.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human Services awards Head Start funds to the City and County of Denver annually; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children & Families sent their annual Funding Guidance Letter stating the intent to provide Head Start FY2026-2027 funds in the amount of \$14,464,060 for the Denver Great Kids Head Start (DGKHS) program; and

WHEREAS, because the Head Start award period begins July 1 and the official award is typically not received until June, the City desires to appropriate 50 percent of said award budget in advance to allow execution of delegate agency contracts and ensure uninterrupted services to the community between program years; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Children’s Affairs (OCA) has requested and received from all delegate agencies a wind-down plan in the unlikely event that federal funding does not materialize; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver has given due consideration to said letter of intent, a copy of which is duly filed with the City Clerk, Filing No. 202683057;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. Expenditures are hereby authorized from the General Government Special Revenue Fund, Accounting No. 11000, the amount of money in the following tabulation to be expended for the purposes and upon the authorizations in said Ordinance set forth:

ACCOUNTING
NUMBER

11002-0104100

APPROPRIATION
ACCOUNT

Head Start FY2026-2027

EXPENDING
AUTHORITY

Executive Director of OCA

AMOUNT

\$7,232,030

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2 The foregoing authorization will provide services (education, nutrition, health, mental health,
3 disabilities, and family services) to approximately 1,344 eligible children. Authorization for
4 expenditures represents 50 percent of the total award amount to facilitate continuity of service
5 provision between program years and will cover the period from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

6 **Section 2.** The Chief Financial Officer of the City and County of Denver is hereby authorized
7 and directed to make such book and record entries and to do such other things as may be
8 necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Ordinance.

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12 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: March 24, 2026, by Consent

13 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: March 31, 2026

14 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL: 4/13/2026

15 Signed by: *Amanda P. Sandoval* - PRESIDENT
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16 APPROVED: *Michael Johnston* - MAYOR 4/17/2026
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17 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
18 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
19 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

20 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DENVER POST: _____ ; _____

21 PREPARED BY: Nikki McCabe, Budget and Management Office DATE: April 2, 2026

22 Pursuant to section 13-9, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of
23 the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form and have no legal objection to the proposed
24 ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to §
25 3.2.6 of the Charter.

26 Miko Ando Brown, Denver City Attorney

27 BY: *Jonathan Griffin*, Assistant City Attorney
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DATE: 4/2/2026 | 9:53 AM MDT

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