

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

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Date of Request: 9/25/17

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:

Executes a Performance Grant Agreement between the City and County of Denver and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Denver's FY 2017 allocation of \$6,602,257 through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

3. Requesting Agency: Office of Economic Development

4. Contact Person:

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

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

To execute FY grant agreement for US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

Title	Amount	Fund/Org	Project/ Grant#	Start/End Dates	CFDA #	Contract Control #
CDBG Administration	1,320,451	16002 - 0145101	GR00000093	1/1/2017-12/31/2017	14.218	
CDBG Program	5,281,806	16002 - 0145101	GR00000094	1/1/2017-12/31/2017	14.218	
Total CDBG Allocation	<u>6,602,257</u>					201736940

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a. Contract Control Number: 201736940

ALFRESCO ID:

2017 CDBG 201736940

b. Duration: 1/1/2017 - indefinite

c. Location: City and County of Denver

d. Affected Council District: City Wide

e. Benefits:

- Grant objectives – to provide annual allocations to States, larger cities, and counties for a broad range of activities that preserve and develop viable urban communities.
- Provide funding for the City’s housing, business and neighborhood development activities.

7. Is there any controversy surrounding this ordinance? (Groups or individuals who may have concerns about it?)

Please explain. No

Executive Summary

The federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program was enacted in 1974 to provide block grant funding for community development. CDBG assists urban, suburban, and rural communities to improve housing and living conditions and expand economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons. CDBG helps to create jobs through the expansion and retention of businesses and is an important tool for helping local governments tackle serious challenges facing their communities.

Counties use the flexibility of CDBG funds to collaborate with private and nonprofit sector partners to develop and upgrade local housing, water, infrastructure and human services programs. Counties rely on CDBG allocation to meet critical community development needs.

Across the country, these “local entitlement cities and counties” receive about 70 percent of CDBG funds, and states receive the remaining 30 percent. HUD determines the amount of each grant by using a formula including community need, poverty rates, population growth or lag measured in relationship to other metro areas, and housing issues, including the age of housing stock.

Nationwide, CDBG provides annual grants on a formula basis to nearly 1,200 metro and county governments in addition to states. There are 185 counties that receive grants directly, including Denver.

Primarily through OED’s annual issuance of a NOFA (“Notice of Funding Availability”), our grants have been made locally for a wide range of both housing as well as neighborhood development projects. Detail on these projects over a three-year window is available [here](#).

Denver’s awarded projects are funded through a variety of federal community development programs, including not just CDBG but also HOME Investment Partnerships and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs.

NOFA applications are evaluated and scored by OED staff, other city agency staff and community members. Community reviewers are chosen based on their knowledge and experience in the program areas of housing and neighborhood development. Awardees are selected based on their ability to achieve measurable outcomes supporting Mayor Hancock’s priorities of economic mobility, children/education, transportation and housing, as well as OED’s JumpStart strategy. Evaluation criteria also scored each applicant’s project plan, organizational capacity, financial capacity and prior performance when applicable.

The FY 2017 resolution funded CDBG nationally at \$3 billion, which is the same as the FY 2016 level. Grantees nationwide are anxious about the current administration’s intent to decrease HUD’s allocation amount in 2018 or eliminate some programs altogether.

Denver’s CDBG funds have decreased 17% since 2011. Here is the ten-year summary of Denver’s allocations:

and HOME funds have decreased 38%. HOPWA funds have increased 12%.
