

IDDEAS (IDD Mill Levy)

Proposed Ordinance Changes

D.R.M.C §53-550

Safety, Housing, Education, & Homelessness Committee

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Denver Human Services

IDDEAS Program Background

The IDDEAS Program (Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Equitable Access to Services), formerly the DHS Mill Levy Program, procures services and supports which benefit Denver residents with I/DD

- Ordinance governing this program has not had major revisions since January 2017. Since then, there have been changes and growth in the program to meet community needs.
- Currently, the program holds six contracts with five vendors, and anticipates at least three to four more in the coming months.

2021 Proposed DHS Budget by Fund

Service Delivery and Administration
(13008)

\$108.4M
862.71 FTEs

Child Welfare
(13005)

\$43.2M
354.83 FTEs

Services for
People with
I/DD (13304)

\$22.3M

Grants and
Cash Basis
SRFs **\$6.1M**

Affordability
Programs
(13813)
\$6.1M 4 FTEs

Child Care
(13017)
\$4.5M
14 FTEs

Total
\$194.4M

General Assistance (13305)
\$1.5M 2 FTEs

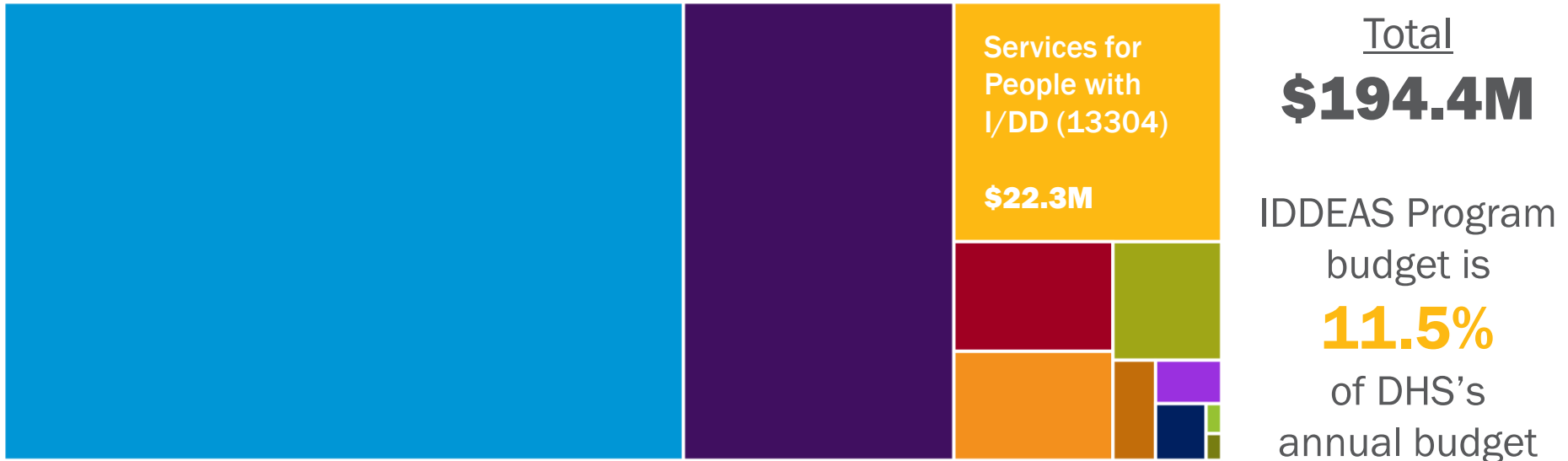
Aid to Needy Disabled
(13303) **\$1.0M**

Transfer to Property Tax
Relief Program **\$1.0M**

Transfer to General Fund **\$163K**

Transfer to Alternative
Transportation SRF **\$144.9K**

2021 Proposed DHS Budget by Fund



Goals

All proposed revisions to the ordinance governing the IDDEAS program are believed to strengthen the benefit and wellbeing of Denver residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Revisions are intended to:

- Modernize the ordinance and clarify requirements introduced in 2017
- Allow for practical application of funds to best support residents with I/DD
- Improve administration of the funds and provide funding for monitoring and evaluation as DHS contracts with additional community partners

Proposed ordinance revisions

Addition of a new section which allows for the adoption of rules and guidelines through the executive director of Denver Human Services

- Modeled after other property tax ordinances, specifically the Property Tax Relief Program

Why?

- Ensures practices in need of flexibility can be clearly outlined
- Enables DHS to continue to assess and address needs

Proposed ordinance revisions

Revise and expand permitted uses with the emphasis on the best benefit for Denver residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities

Why?

- Maintains original intent to expand service delivery opportunities beyond the Community Centered Board (CCB) and allows DHS to directly expend funds when it is the best mechanism to meet a needed service or support
- Clarifies uses related to procurement of services and ties the CCB reporting requirement to the ability to contract with the CCB (formerly section (e))

Proposed ordinance revisions

Define Eligible Persons and streamline language which captures eligibility and residency

Why?

- Simplifies and aligns references to persons receiving services, which are repeated and lengthy throughout
- Generalizes the residency requirement beyond contract provisions, covering any expenditures of the funds on behalf of Eligible Persons
- Returns to local governance for residency rules and guidance

Residency rules

Currently, the ordinance references § 25.5-10-204, C.R.S. as amended. Capturing residency through the rulemaking process will allow residents to further engage DHS on program eligibility and make it easier for clients to understand what rules apply to them within our program.

- Transition of services window within our own rules in accordance with applicable local, state or federal laws.
- Persons experiencing homelessness presenting in Denver.
- Children in out-of-home placements that are in DHS custody or whose parent/guardian maintain Denver residency.

**Creation of residency rules will follow the public rulemaking process outlined in the D.R.M.C.*

***All rules or guidance MUST comport with other eligibility requirements captured in ordinance (see Eligible Persons definition).*

Proposed ordinance revisions

Expand codified duties of DHS to administer funds on behalf of Eligible Persons and increase the cap on costs

Why?

- Captures the current scope of duties DHS employs to appropriately administer the mill levy funds, which has grown since expanding to more contractors
- Properly funds the administrative tasks involved in order to allow for the efficient and effective expenditure of funds to best serve Denver residents

Proposed ordinance revisions

Revise section capping contracts indirect costs to better manage and support service delivery, including clarifying the cap calculation method and using the federal definition of indirect costs

Why?

- Creates space for a diverse network of providers DHS may procure services and supports through, paving the way for critical services and innovative projects
- Drive clear budget development and support conversations with service providers
- Federal definition provides a standard point of reference for costs to be capped

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Appendix

DHS IDDEAS Program Pillars

IDDEAS Program Pillars of Service

The IDDEAS program provides services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) through the CCB serving Denver as well as other providers.



New Service Delivery

DHS IDDEAS Program has several new services in development, informed by recommendations from our Mill Levy Advisory Council, including:

- Mini creative projects fund: Executed agreement with Point b(e) Strategies: \$300,000 project fund, application window opened Tuesday, November 10
- Center for START Services model: \$2M to be committed in first year; anticipated total \$6M over three years in mental health services; RFP anticipated in 2021
- Community housing report: Participating in community-led Steering Committee, sharing costs for report development, IDDEAS Program costs estimated at \$3,500