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CONSTRUCTION CAREERS CONTRIBUTION FUND

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TODAY'S ACTION

21-1206

Establishes the Denver Construction Careers Fund in the Economic Opportunity Special Revenue Fund series to support programs that develop the construction talent pipeline in Denver.

AGENDA

- About the Construction Careers Contribution Fund
- How the funds will be used
- Potential accruals
- Administration and oversight
- Funding priorities
- About Careers in Construction (CIC)
- Next steps

CONSTRUCTION CAREERS CONTRIBUTION:

Fast Facts

- **Optional – Opt-out**
- \$25 for residential permit / \$200 for commercial permit
- Collected by Community Planning & Development at time of permit
- Held in a Special Revenue Fund – to be created
- DEDO will expend funds with input from other agencies and stakeholders, with committee oversight



USE OF CONTRIBUTION FUNDS

GOAL:

Expand youth-focused construction careers and talent development efforts in DPS schools.

TACTICS:

1. Provide industry-based curricula and career exposure to Denver youth
2. Expand industry advancement and retention supports
3. Enhance Construction Sector Partnership to create industry-led regional approaches to talent development
4. Develop work-based learning/apprenticeship pathways

POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTION ACCRUALS

2020	Contribution \$	Permits #	60% Contribute	80% Contribute	100% Contribute
Residential	\$25	5,000	\$75,000	\$100,000	\$125,000
Commercial	\$200	2,500	\$300,000	\$400,000	\$500,000
Totals			\$375,000	\$500,000	\$625,000

- Expect a significant opt-in rate
 - Industry groups will conduct education with contractors about the importance of opting in as it will help to build their collective future talent pipeline

ADMINISTRATION – Oversight Committee

- CPD – 1 representative
- DOTI – 1 representative
- DEDO – 2 representatives
- Construction Industry – 2 representatives
- Labor – 2 representatives



Administration – Special Revenue Fund



- DOF will seek to establish Special Revenue Fund
- FinGov Committee
- Council Approval
- Seeking to launch Early 2022
- If passed – communication will begin on permit fees webpage, and through other channels

FUNDING PRIORITIES

First priority: Support existing Careers in Construction programs in three DPS schools and expand CIC into additional DPS schools

If funds exceed the amount needed, proposals will be sought for other construction talent programs through an RFP process

Regular reporting will occur from funded programs to the Oversight Committee

CAREERS IN CONSTRUCTION: HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

- Association of General Contractors currently offers the CIC program in 28 high schools in CO – serving 100 high schools & 2,000 students overall
 - Pre-apprenticeship recognized by US Department of Labor and Colorado Department of Education
 - Carpentry, Electrical, HVAC, Masonry & 11 other modules + testing for national certificates
 - Paid student internships – approved by Colorado Department of Labor & Employment
- Building Permit “fee” has been in place since 2015 in Pikes Peak region (consolidated building permit system for several cities)
- DPS currently has CIC programming at three schools: Career Education Center Early College, George Washington HS, and Legacy Options (Far Northeast).
- Seeking to expand to other DPS schools - \$30,000 per year per school (varies by space build-out costs, faculty)
- Any student in DPS can take classes at the Career Education Center, with bus service provided by DPS to/from home school

NEXT STEPS

- Council Briefings (October)
- Establish Special Revenue Fund where surcharges would accrue (Filed October 11)
- If moving forward, finalize logistics:
 - Code Accela system to allow surcharge to be collected
 - Inform the contractor community in partnership with industry



Thank You



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