

# Executive Summary

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Date: August 17, 2021

Re: Denver Left Behind Workers Fund \$2 million Contract

From: Atim Oti, Director of Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

## **Summary of the Left Behind Workers Fund:**

As of December 2020, combined City, philanthropic and private funding have allowed the Denver Left Behind Workers' Fund to benefit approximately 2890 Denver residents with a \$1,000 cash assistance grant. The additional 1mil in CRF dollars disbursed throughout the Fall 2020, accounted for 962 Denver residents. For the additional funding made possible through the Coronavirus Relief Funds, Impact Charitable – the City's partner in this effort continued targeted outreach, using referrals from 211 and direct application assistance from community-based organizations to help. This funding served Denver residents in top five basic needs reported by recipients to be used with this grant were Housing (62%), Food (16%), Utilities (8%) , Bills (7%), and Healthcare (4%) in order of utilization. As of December 7th, all funding had been dispersed.

In the new contract, continued outreach efforts will consist of a city-wide system of trusted community-based organizations who partner with Impact Charitable to do targeted outreach and screening of eligible residents in addition to a centralized online tool for eligible residents to connect directly with Impact Charitable. In terms of the unmet need for direct cash assistance, Impact Charitable estimates that in total, there are around 9,400 workers in Denver that qualify for this grant with 31% having been assisted through this Fund to date. Approximately 1800 additional grants will be made through the 2mil CRF funding.