

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team

at MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org by **9 a.m. Friday**. Contact the Mayor's Legislative team with questions

Date of Request: 10/23/2025

Please mark one: Bill Request or Resolution Request

Please mark one: The request directly impacts developments, projects, contracts, resolutions, or bills that involve property and impact within .5 miles of the South Platte River from Denver's northern to southern boundary? (Check map [HERE](#))

Yes No

1. Type of Request:

Contract/Grant Agreement Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Rezoning/Text Amendment

Dedication/Vacation Appropriation/Supplemental DRMC Change

Other:

2. Title: (Start with *approves, amends, dedicates*, etc., include name of company or contractor and indicate the type of request: grant acceptance, contract execution, contract amendment, municipal code change, supplemental request, etc.)

Amends a contract with Caring for Denver Foundation to add 18 months for a new end date of 6-30-2027 to administer the Caring for Denver Fund to increase mental health and substance use disorder prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction services, citywide. No change to contract amount, citywide (ENVHL-202475076/ENVHL-202581487-01).

3. Requesting Agency: Denver Department of Public Health & Environment

4. Contact Person:

Contact person with knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution (e.g., subject matter expert)	Contact person for council members or mayor-council
Name: Agathe Dorel	Name: Alex Vidal
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5. General description or background of proposed request. Attach executive summary if more space needed:
(who, what, why)

At the general municipal election on November 6, 2018, voters approved a sales and use tax increase of one-quarter of one percent for the purpose of funding the Caring for Denver Fund to increase mental health and substance use disorder prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction services available in the City.

Use of Funds: DDPHE is listed as the expending authority in the ordinance and administers the funds to the non-profit. Funds must be used for Mental Health services in Denver as outlined in the ordinance:

- Mental health services and treatment for children and adults;
- suicide prevention programs;
- opioid and substance use disorder prevention, treatment and recovery programs; and/or
- housing and case management services to reduce homelessness, improve long-term recovery and reduce the costly use of jails and emergency rooms for those with mental health and substance use disorder needs.

DDPHE is extending the contract for an additional 18 months and adding materials subject to public inspection including approved grant budget and grant applications.

6. City Attorney assigned to this request (if applicable):

7. City Council District: Citywide

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8. ****For all contracts, fill out and submit accompanying Key Contract Terms worksheet****

Key Contract Terms

Type of Contract: (e.g. Professional Services > \$500K; IGA/Grant Agreement, Sale or Lease of Real Property):
Professional Services

Vendor/Contractor Name (including any dba's): Caring for Denver Foundation

Contract control number (legacy and new):

ENVHL-202475076-00 (Legacy Contract)
ENVHL-202581487-01

Location: 1035 Osage St., 8th Floor, Denver, Colorado 80204

Is this a new contract? Yes No Is this an Amendment? Yes No If yes, how many? 01

Contract Term/Duration (for amended contracts, include existing term dates and amended dates): 1/1/2025-12/31/2025, amended dates 1/1/2025-6/30/2027

Contract Amount (indicate existing amount, amended amount and new contract total):

Maximum Obligation of the City. The City shall have no obligation under this Agreement to make distributions to CFD which exceed the amount actually collected and paid into the Treasury of the City and County of Denver. The Executive Director shall request an appropriation for the purposes of this Agreement each year, aligned with the City's budget calendar, based upon the estimated receipts of the Caring for Denver Tax.

The financial obligations of the City under this Agreement shall extend only to monies appropriated for the purpose of this Agreement by Denver City Council, paid into the City Treasury, and encumbered for the purposes of this Agreement. CFD acknowledges that the City does not by this Agreement irrevocably pledge present cash reserves for distributions in future fiscal years, and that this Agreement is not intended to create a multiple-fiscal year direct or indirect debt or financial obligation against the City.

CFD will participate in the City's annual budget process through DDPHE as appropriate to estimate the following fiscal year's revenue and expenditures and agree upon an annual spending plan. The annual spending plan shall adhere to the spending limitations outlined in the Ordinance.

Current Contract Amount (A)	Additional Funds (B)	Total Contract Amount (A+B)

Current Contract Term	Added Time	New Ending Date
1/1/2025-12/31/2025	18 months	6/30/2027

Scope of work:

The scope of work includes:

- Caring for Denver Foundation, as the spending agency for the Caring for Denver tax, will continue to facilitate the grantmaking process to award funds for: mental health services and treatment for children and adults; suicide prevention programs; opioid and substance use disorder prevention, treatment and recovery programs; housing and case management services to reduce homelessness, improve long-term recovery, and reduce the costly use of jails and emergency rooms for those with mental health and substance use disorder needs. With at least 10% of Caring for Denver tax revenue in any year directed to the City and County of Denver for the following: funding for a facility and staffing to create alternatives to jail for people with mental health and/or substance use disorder needs; fully funding a co-responder program for mental health experts to ride along with Denver police; training for first responders, including paramedics and fire response, on how to properly assess and handle people with mental health and/or substance use disorder needs.
- DDPHE review of Caring for Denver annual report, strategic plan, and community input process
- DDPHE review of Caring for Denver's grant and financial policies

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- DDPHE review and processing of monthly invoices for payments out of the Caring for Denver fund
- DDPHE facilitation of revenue-to-budget reconciliation process between Caring for Denver and City's Department of Finance
- Caring for Denver continues to use no more than 5% of the Caring for Denver tax revenue for administrative expenses
- DDPHE retains \$130,000 of the Caring for Denver tax for City administrative expenses, including the salary of the CFD Liaison (Caring for Denver Administrator).

Was this contractor selected by competitive process? No **If not, why not?** No other organization currently has the membership structure delineated in DRMC 24-701(b)(2).

Has this contractor provided these services to the City before? Yes No

Source of funds: Fund 14810

Is this contract subject to: W/MBE DBE SBE XO101 ACDBE N/A

WBE/MBE/DBE commitments (construction, design, Airport concession contracts): N/A

Who are the subcontractors to this contract? N/A

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