

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team
at MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org by **3:00pm on Monday**. Contact the Mayor's Legislative team with questions

Date of Request: 9/26/2023

Please mark one: Bill Request or Resolution Request

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.)

Amend current The Denver Foundation contract, add additional funding and a year in term for the Denver Immigrant Legal Services Fund

3. **Requesting Agency:** Human Rights and Community Partnerships

4. Contact Person:

Contact person with knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution	Contact person to present item at Mayor-Council and Council
Name: Atim Otii	Name: Atim Otii
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5. **General description or background of proposed request. Attach executive summary if more space needed:**

On August 31, 2017, the Mayor signed Executive Order 142 that established a legal defense fund to provide access to legal representation for indigent individuals in Denver threatened with or in removal proceedings. In March 2018, The Denver Foundation and City of Denver entered into a partnership to create the Denver Immigrant Legal Services Fund (DILSF). Denver residents are eligible for direct representation legal services under the DILSF if they can show they are a resident of Denver and individuals with a maximum household income of 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.

The Denver Immigrant Legal Services Fund of the Denver Foundation provides grant funding to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations who provide immigration legal services to eligible Denver residents in the areas of direct representation, in removal defense or affirmative relief, and capacity building for direct representation.

Since the Fund's inception in September 2018 the DILSF has served 2752 Denver residents and families to date. Most recently, the Fund's grantees, including those funded by the Limited Legal Fellowship Program, served 903 residents in FY 2022 and into Q2 of 2023. The Fund anticipates that the continued funding of \$750K will continue to match previous numbers of residents represented and assist in expanding support to some of the 276 eligible Denver residents unable to be served due to organizational capacity.

6. City Attorney assigned to this request (if applicable): Troy Bratton
7. City Council District: Citywide
8. ****For all contracts, fill out and submit accompanying Key Contract Terms worksheet****

Key Contract Terms

Type of Contract: Professional Services > \$500K

Vendor/Contractor Name: The Denver Foundation

Contract control number:
Legacy CCN: 202055438-05
Jagger CCN: ATTNY-202367051

Location: 1009 Grant Street, Denver, Colorado, 80203

Is this a new contract? Yes No Is this an Amendment? Yes No If yes, how many? 6

Contract Term/Duration (for amended contracts, include existing term dates and amended dates):

HRCRS-202055438

Current Request Amount: \$200,000
Previous Total Amount: \$0
New Total If Executed: \$200,000
Term: 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2020

HRCRS-202157488

Current Request Amount: \$300,000.00
Previous Total Amount: \$200,000.00
New Total If Executed: \$500,000.00
Term: 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021

ATTNY-202261680

Current Request Amount: \$750,000.00
Previous Total Amount: \$700,000.00
New Total If Executed: \$1,450,000.00
Term: 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022

ATTNY-202265097

Current Request Amount: \$500,000.00
Previous Total Amount: \$1,450,000.00
New Total If Executed: \$1,950,000.00
Term: 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2023

ATTNY-202367051

Current Request Amount: \$250,000
Previous Total Amount: \$1,950,000
New Total if Executed: \$2,200,000

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

<i>Current Contract Amount (A)</i>	<i>Additional Funds (B)</i>	<i>Total Contract Amount (A+B)</i>
\$2,200,000	\$750,000	\$2,950,000

<i>Current Contract Term</i>	<i>Added Time</i>	<i>New Ending Date</i>
1/1/2020-12/31/2023	1 year	12/31/2024

Scope of work:

- A. Scope of Legal Services:** Subject to the requirements set forth in Section B below, the Scope of Legal Services will include the following two primary areas in order of priority:
1. **Direct Legal Representation:** Direct legal representation included:
 - a. Removal defense for persons in the Aurora detention facility and/or subject to removal proceedings in the Aurora or Denver Immigration Courts, including bond hearings, detained removal, non-detained removal, transfer of venue proceedings for transfer to Denver Immigration Court, collateral proceedings incident to removal defense, and any costs associated with defense; and
 - b. Legal screening, consultation, and representation regarding potential forms of affirmative relief, including but not limited to DACA or DREAM Act-related relief, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), asylum, U visas and T visas, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), naturalization, individuals eligible for or facing the loss of Temporary Protected Status or other discretionary status, and status-related benefits including employment authorization.
 - c. Funding to assist in the course of representation, including legal resources and/or scholarships to help with paying filing and other representation related application fees. Funding requested to be utilized for legal resources, scholarships for legal fees or other application fees must be proportionate to the cases proposed to be represented. For example, 10 cases = \$500 per case for interpretation, filing fees, etc.
 2. **Building Capacity for Direct Legal Representation:** Resources and strategies to expand: the pool of pro bono immigration attorneys providing direct legal representation under A.2.a and A.1.b, including but not limited to hiring trained immigration lawyers to serve as trainers, mentors, and pro bono coordinators; the pool of “low-bono” immigration attorneys providing direct representation under A.2.a and A.2.b; and the use of law school clinics and law students providing direct legal representation under A.2.a and A.2.b.

Was this contractor selected by competitive process? Yes, HRCRS-201840369-00 was done through competitive process.
If not, why not?

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

Source of funds: General Fund

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

To be completed by Mayor's Legislative Team:

Resolution/Bill Number: _____

Date Entered: _____