

## ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team  
at [MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org](mailto:MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org) by **9 a.m. Friday**. Contact the Mayor's Legislative team with questions

Date of Request: November 5, 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 an intergovernmental revenue agreement with the Colorado Department of Human Services to add one year for a new end date of 9-30-2026 to provide 18 beds for court ordered individuals needing competency services in custody at the Denver City Jail and the Denver County Jail, citywide (SHERF-202266238/SHERF-202580749-03).

### 3. Requesting Agency: Denver Sheriff Department

### 4. Contact Person:

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

The Denver Sheriff Department (DSD) will support the Colorado Department of Human Service (CDHS) Mission to design and deliver high quality human and health services that improve the safety, independence, and well-being of the people of Colorado. DSD will provide up to 18 beds, for individuals court ordered to receive an evaluation of adjudicative competence or mental condition/sanity and restoration to competency services for individuals currently in the custody of the Denver City (DDC) and Denver County (DCJ) Jails. The contract will be inclusive of all costs of care and treatment included, but not limited to: appropriate security and supervision, transport, housing, and food.

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

### 7. City Council District: Citywide

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

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## Key Contract Terms

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

Revenue Agreement > \$500K

**Vendor/Contractor Name (including any dba's):**

State of Colorado, Department of Human Services

**Contract control number (legacy and new):**

SHERF-202266238/ SHERF-202580749

**Location:**

City Wide

**Is this a new contract?** ☐ Yes ☒ No **Is this an Amendment?** ☒ Yes ☐ No **If yes, how many?** 03

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

SHERF-202266238-00; 09/01/2023 – 06/30/2024;  
SHERF-202474543-01; 09/01/2023 - 09/30/2025;  
SHERF-202580062-02; 09/01/2023 - 09/30/2025;  
SHERF-202580749-03; 09/01/2023 - 09/30/2026;

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

| <i>Current Contract Amount</i> | <i>Additional Funds</i> | <i>Total Contract Amount</i> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>(A)</i>                     | <i>(B)</i>              | <i>(A+B)</i>                 |
| \$2,501,180.12                 | \$0                     | \$2,501,180.12               |

| <i>Current Contract Term</i> | <i>Added Time</i> | <i>New Ending Date</i> |
|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 09/01/2023-09/30/2025        | 12 months         | 09/30/2026             |

**Scope of work:**

The Denver Sheriff Department Competency Restoration and Transition Unit (RTU) opened initially in May 2021 with 12 beds as a pilot project between Denver Health and Hospital Authority (DHHA) and the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) to address the lengthy wait time for hospital beds for individuals who were found incompetent to proceed (ITP). The 12 beds are part of a total of 48 beds at the Denver County Jail where the other 36 beds are for individuals with serious mental illness, who are focused on stabilization of their symptoms prior to transitioning them successfully to the community. The program was expanded in 2023 to add 6 additional beds for a total of 18 beds.

In accordance with this contract, the program will consistently accommodate the designated eighteen 18 beds for individuals court ordered to receive an inpatient competence to proceed evaluation or sanity/mental condition evaluation and inpatient competency restoration treatment. Those beds will be housed within the Men's Mental Health Transition Unit, which has a robust and well-established mental health treatment program. The existing treatment program includes wraparound services and ongoing mental health treatment for those with such needs throughout the duration of their incarceration. Traditionally, when one is restored to competency, they are returned to general population; however, in an effort to support continuity of care, RTU will partner with the DSD to transition those deemed competent to proceed out of the designated restoration bed and into a mental health treatment bed within the same milieu (Men's Mental Health Treatment Unit).

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Supportive services, including restoration education materials and mental health services, will continue to be offered to those individuals until they are sentenced to the department of corrections, transitioned to a psychiatric hospital (i.e. if they are found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity), transitioned to the community, are removed voluntarily, or are removed due to rule infractions. Allowing participants to remain in the treatment program throughout the court process, while also remaining in the facility in the district of their criminal case, is in line with best practices of competency restoration. This practice allows for minimal disruptions and facility transfers, keeps most participants closer to their public defenders, family and significant others, and minimizes the chances for decompensation after a competency finding. All parties recognize the CDHS supports such practices yet will not have influence over one's placement within the jail once restored to competency or otherwise discharged from restoration treatment. Prioritization of restoration beds within that milieu will be for those in need of initial admission.

**Was this contractor selected by competitive process?**      No      **If not, why not?** IGA

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

**Source of funds:**

Colorado Department of Human Services

**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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