## Nonprofit Vehicle Donation Program

Strategic Program Framework



## Program Summary

Transform auctionready vehicles into hands-on learning tools for education and training programs.











### Objectives

Support vocational training and workforce development

Streamline a legal and operational framework

Maximize community
benefit while
minimizing
environmental and
fiscal waste

Establish governance, transparency, and accountability



### Requested Ordinance Change

### **CURRENT ORDINANCE**

### D.R.M.C. Sec. 54-816:

Allows for the disposition of unclaimed impounded vehicles through:

- Auction
- Sealed bid
- Scrap metal conversion, or
- Law enforcement use.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

### D.R.M.C. Sec. 54-816:

Donation to eligible nonprofits will be added as authorized method of disposition:

- Auction
- Sealed bid
- Scrap metal conversion
- Law enforcement use, or
- TO INCLUDE: Donation to nonprofit educational institutions in City and County of Denver



## Which vehicles are eligible?

- Valued at or under \$1,500
- Roadworthy
- Meets D.R.M.C. Sec. 516 conditions for disposal











### Who is eligible to receive vehicles?

- IRS-registered nonprofit institutions
- Education credentials or workforce development mission
- Located in City and County of Denver

### Must have:

- Secure facility for storage and instruction
- Proof of 501(c)(3) status
- Description of how vehicle will be used for instructional purposes







## Who Could Benefit from the Program *includes* but is not limited to?

Emily Griffith Technical College (District 3) 
Training automotive technicians to meet Denver's growing job demand.

CEC Early College (District 1) 
Providing high school students hands-on career and technical skills.

Montbello Career & Technical Education (District 11) \*\*
Expanding technical skills and workforce readiness for local youth and adults.



### How it works

Application submission and review by General Services



Surplus team matches vehicle availability



Vehicle transferred to nonprofit for instructional use





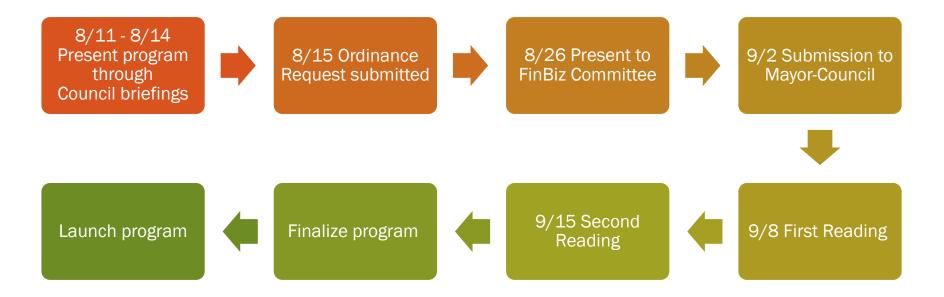
### Target:

- Up to 100 vehicles provided per year
- Five to ten vehicles per organization annually

Based on availability



### Next steps





## **APPENDIX**



# How the City Receives and Prepares Impounded Vehicles for Auction

- **Complaint & Investigation:** Sheriff's Office receives a vehicle complaint and conducts an investigation.
- **Vehicle Towing:** Vehicle(s) are towed to the City's impound lot.
- Intake & Verification:
  - Confirm ownership status
  - Check for stolen vehicle reports
- Owner Notification: Sheriff's Office notifies the registered owner(s).
- Holding Period: Vehicle remains unclaimed for at least 30 days before it can be scheduled for auction (current total process averages 45 days).
- Pre-Auction Review by Surplus:
  - Verify year, make, model, salvage status, and other key details
- Final Sheriff Inspection: Physical search of the vehicle is completed.
- Release to Surplus: Vehicles are released to Surplus for auction; occurs the Tuesday before photographs are taken for listing.



# From Impound to Auction: Annual Roadworthy Vehicle Trends

Year	No. of Vehicles Sold	Total Revenue	Avg Sale Price per Veh'l
2022	3,285	\$6,519,870	\$1,984.74
2023	3,293	\$6,427,771	\$1,951.95
2024	3,719	\$6,098,118	\$1,639.72
2025	2,696	\$4,349,834	\$1,613.14

#### Financial Impact & Community Value

 Estimated auction revenue for 100 roadworthy vehicles in 2025 avg:

Average impound cost per vehicle:

Net financial gap: ~\$59,300

#### **Reinvestment Perspective:**

Redirecting these vehicles through the **Nonprofit Vehicle Donation Program** transforms this net gap into:

- Dozens of hands-on training vehicles for workforce development programs
- Increased technical skill-building opportunities for residents entering the trades
- Reduced **time and storage costs** for the City
- Alignment with equity, sustainability, and workforce readiness goals



## Q & A

