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

Pl	ease mark one:	☐ Bill Request	or		Request	Date of Request: October 28, 2025		
			_			solutions, or bills that involve property hern boundary? (Check map <u>HERE</u>)		
	☐ Yes ⊠ N	O						
1.	Type of Request:							
	☑ Contract/Grant Agreement ☐ Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) ☐ Rezoning/Text Amendment							
	☐ Dedication/Vac	ation A	ppropriation	on/Supplemental		DRMC Change		
	Other:							
2.	Citle: (Start with <i>approves, amends, dedicates</i> , etc., include <u>name of company or contractor</u> and indicate the type of request: grant acceptance, contract execution, contract amendment, municipal code change, supplemental request, etc.)							
	Approves a Grant Agreement with the Caring for Denver Foundation for \$2,104,859.00 with an end date of 11-30-2026 for the Co-Responder Program in support of the Crisis Intervention Unit (CIRU) to improve outcomes, streamline services, and create system efficiencies for those with behavioral health issues who have come to the attention of Denver's first responders and criminal justice stakeholders, citywide (POLIC-202581722).							
3.	Requesting Agency	: Denver Police Departm	ent					
4.	Contact Person:							
		knowledge of proposed n (e.g., subject matter expe	rt)	Contact pe	erson for	council members or mayor-council		
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5.	General description (who, what, why)	or background of propo	sed reques	t. Attach executiv	e summ	ary if more space needed:		
cr de wl co Ro is	partments have introduced by the partments have introduced by the partments have introduced by the partment of	safety and well-being (M luced specialized training, she advanced training in dee as of 2019, representing under 2019). Although special interactions resulting in 2020; Comartin, Swanson,	orabito et such as crisi aling with 15–17 per ialized train arrests and and Kubiak	al. 2018; Watson is intervention team mental health and cent of all police aning for police officed violence persist, a 2019; Compton e	et al. 20 as (CITs; behavio agencies cers cont and indital. 2014	making effective responses to this population 10; Wilson-Bates 2008). To this end, police Vickers 2000). CITs consist of police officers ral crises; they have been installed in 2,700 (Helfgott, Hickman, and Labossiere 2016 ; inues to prove helpful in the US and abroad, it is viduals remain without short- and long-term 4; Herrington and Pope 2011; Macauley 2021; Watson and Fulambarker 2012).		
An me De re	ngeles in 1993, a co-re ental health crises. He enver, starting with co sponder teams to bett	esponder program typically owever, there is significan o-response solely with the	pairs menta t variation i Denver Poli s interact w	Il health professiona in how these mode ce Department (DI rith Fire, Sheriff, a	als with p ls have b PD), has nd Parks	e departments worldwide. Originating in Los colice officers to respond to 911 calls involving been implemented (Krider and Huerter 2020). expanded and grown to incorporate other first and Recreation departments. The entirety of		
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Denver's Co-Responder program began in 2016 as a partnership between police officers and mental health clinicians. By sending mental health experts to accompany police officers, the Co-Responder program is intended to divert individuals from excessive engagement with the criminal-legal and crisis-response systems by connecting them to culturally and geographically appropriate community support and services. The program also strives to improve coordination across systems and service providers and cut down on unnecessary costs related to engaging with individuals with mental or behavioral health needs. The City also partners with the Caring for Denver Foundation, through a grant, to help with the cost of these services.

Through these clinical partnerships, responders are generally more effective in de-escalating crises, preventing injuries, and reducing pressure on the criminal-legal and healthcare systems by linking individuals to appropriate community services (Shapiro et al. 2015). In fact, scholarly evaluations of co-responder programs have found them to be effective in reducing pressure on the criminal-legal system, resolving cases successfully, averting crisis escalation and injury, facilitating proper referrals to non-law enforcement services, increasing service use, and saving +money (Allen Consulting Group 2012; Bailey et al. 2021; Helfgott, Hickman, and Labossiere 2016; Kisely et al. 2010; Rosenbaum 2010; Shapiro et al. 2015).

Over 9 years, the impact of the collaboration between DPD and WellPower mental health clinicians has led to over 47 thousand calls

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8. **For all contracts, fill out and sub	omit accompanying Key Contract Terms worksheet**
Citywide	
7. City Council District:	
McKenzie Brandon	
	(L'applicable).
6. City Attorney assigned to this requ	uest (if applicable):
service trainings, update first responders	not previously seen or understood prior to 2016, WellPower clinicians are now able to give in son new resources, and problem solve larger system needs to best serve the interaction with any lso been established and strengthened because of the pairings, showing that the pairing is a force mission of Denver as a city.
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program over the last 9 years extends be	eyond that of the direct support given to the individual in the community. The impact to police a informed, client centered approach is now a working standard amongst the police districts.
for service with less than 1.5% of that to	otal amount leading to arrest or citation. The unforeseen impact of an established co-responden

Key Contract Terms

Type of Contract: (e.g. Professional S Grant agreement > \$500K	Services > \$500K; IGA/Grant Agreeme	ent, Sale or Lease of Real Property):	
Vendor/Contractor Name (including	any dba's): Caring for Denver Founda	ation	
Contract control number (legacy and	l new): POLIC-202581722		
Location: Citywide			
Is this a new contract? ⊠ Yes □	No Is this an Amendment? Yes	No If yes, how many?	
Contract Term/Duration (for amende	ed contracts, include existing term dat	es and amended dates): 09.01.2025 – 1	1.30.2026
	mount, amended amount and new cor		
Current Contract Amount (A)	Additional Funds (B)	Total Contract Amount (A+B)	
-	\$2,104,859	\$2,104,859	
Current Contract Term	Added Time	<u> </u>	
-	09.01.2025 –11.30.2026	New Ending Date 11.30.2026	
Scope of work:	07.01.2023 11.30.2020	11.30.2020	
involving individuals who suffer from reffective services for resolution. Crisis best decrease current stressors and replaneed it's important to note that not all cidentifying community resources, alterrindividual. The most important marker to meeting the needs of the individual. Gail and court systems to provide interventhe number of people who suffer from resystems and service providers, and redunow, we have created valuable connecting includes a client centered approach utilities.	1 Parks and Rec Clinician 4 RTD Clinician 1 jail-based clinician alth clinicians who work in close partner mental illness and/or co-occurring substates defined uniquely by the individual in the ace with long term community-based surrisis identified as behavioral health concurative crisis options, and long-term commuto success is the immeasurable relationsl CIRU has also expanded to include a speciation and support to those involved in the mental illness in the jail system, improve acceptance overall costs relating to the use of emions and become an important support for izing de-escalation techniques to assist a e individual. While part of the overall Westeritive process? No.	nce use issues who are in crisis, to provi he community and treated in a Co-Respo oports. While trying to meet the communi- terns requires a formal treatment referral munity supports in any area identified by hip forged by a collective and collaboration icialized group of clinicians who work we he criminal justice system. The CIRU seet the sharing and coordinating of informate pergency services. From our inception in for the City and County of Denver. Engagen in individual with immediate needs, as we	de the most onse format to ity but rather the ive approach ith the Denver eks to reduce tion across April 2016 to ement in crisis ell as hand off
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Has this contractor provided these se	rvices to the City before? X Yes] No	
Source of funds: Fund: 12601 / Cost C	Center: 3511100		
Is this contract subject to: \square W/M	BE DBE SBE XO101	☐ ACDBE ⊠ N/A	
WBE/MBE/DBE commitments (cons	truction, design, Airport concession co	ontracts): N/A	
Who are the subcontractors to this co	ontract? N/A		
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