

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: 09/21/23

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.)

Amends a contract with Denver Health and Hospital Authority (DHHA) by adding \$305,199 for a new total of \$583,998 and a new end date of 06-30-2024 to provide outreach, harm reduction and treatment support for persons with opioid, methamphetamine and alcohol use disorders through the SUN Co-Responder program, citywide (ENVHL-202369889-01).

3. **Requesting Agency:** Denver Department of Public Health & Environment (DDPHE)

4. Contact Person:

Contact person with knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution	Contact person to present item at Mayor-Council and Council
Name: Meghan Razimoff & Huyen Doan	Name: Will Fenton & Meghan Razimoff
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5. General description or background of proposed request. Attach executive summary if more space needed:

This contract amendment is a sub-award of the revenue contract from the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS)/Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) in response to the Co-Responder Services Grant program. The City and County of Denver received funding received continued funding from 2022-2024 to operate the Substance Use Navigation (SUN) program.

To carry out program objectives, DDPHE seeks to amend an existing contract with Denver Health and Hospital Authority (DHHA) to continue substance use navigation services that increase outreach, harm reduction support, resource referrals, and linkage to care for persons with opioid, methamphetamine, and alcohol use disorders (substance use disorders/SUDs). The contracted services include employment of two full time Substance Use Navigators, one part-time Peer Recovery Coach, resources that support linkage to treatment and care, as well as the administration, clinical supervision/management support, and all related expenses for these services.

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

7. **City Council District:** All

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):

Vendor/Contractor Name: Denver Health and Hospital Authority

Contract control number: Original - ENVHL-202263893, this amendment - ENVHL-202369889-01

Location: Citywide

Is this a new contract? ☐ Yes ☒ No **Is this an Amendment?** ☒ Yes ☐ No **If yes, how many?** 1

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

7/01/2022 – 6/30/2023 amended 07/01/2022 – 12/31/2024

Contract Amount (indicate existing amount, amended amount and new contract total): \$583,998

<i>Current Contract Amount</i>	<i>Additional Funds</i>	<i>Total Contract Amount</i>
<i>(A)</i>	<i>(B)</i>	<i>(A+B)</i>
\$278,799	\$305,199	\$583,998

<i>Current Contract Term</i>	<i>Added Time</i>	<i>New Ending Date</i>
07/1/2022 – 10/31/23	One Year	06/30/24

Scope of work:

The Contractor will hire 2.5 FTE, including 1 Therapeutic Caseworker/Clinical Navigator and 1.5 FTE Peer Recovery Coach/Care Navigators.

The Clinical Navigator will:

- Hold credentials of a Certified Addiction Counselor (CAC) III or other related certification.
- Assist in co-response with DPD including Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) and Community Outreach Team (COT) ride-alongs.
- Receive handoffs and referrals and collaborate with partners and programs that serve the overlapping population, which may include, but are not limited to: Denver Police Department, CIRU Co-responders, Mobile Crisis, Outreach Court, and Denver Public Library.
- Conduct screening to provide brief counseling, linkages to services, system navigation, and referral coordination to persons with substance use disorders who interact with first responders or the criminal justice system.
- Conduct intake and assessment, as appropriate, to connect people to substance use-specific services and medication assisted treatment (MAT). Support Denver Health MAT Induction Program, to allow for 24/7 coverage intakes for Medication Assisted Treatment.
- Enter and update participant information into agreed upon database/data spreadsheet(s).
- Coordinate transportation and admission of appropriate participants into detox, treatment, supportive housing and other services.
- Coordinate seamless transition of appropriate participants between services, including support into temporary and transitional services.

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- Provide participants with necessities and incentives to reduce barriers to participation and support engagement.
- Collaborate with Peer Recovery Coach/Care Navigators to connect and engage people to treatment and services.

The Peer Recovery Coach/Care Navigators will:

- Meet clients where they are at in their journey to recovery including engagement and support in treatment and other support services, as appropriate.
- Provide peer/navigation co-response support with law enforcement/first responder type agencies, including: Denver Police, Denver Fire, Early Intervention Team and Street Enforcement Team, AID Diversion Center, STAR and CIRU Co-responders.
- Receive handoffs and referrals from partners who serve the overlapping population, which may include, but are not limited to: Denver Police Department, CIRU Co-responders, Mobile Crisis, Outreach Court, and Denver Public Library.
- Enter and update participant information into agreed upon database/data spreadsheet.
- Coordinate transportation and admission of appropriate participants into detox, treatment, supportive housing and other services.
- Coordinate seamless transition of appropriate participants between services.
- Provide participants with necessities and incentives to reduce barriers to participation and support engagement.
- Collaborate with SUNs to connect people to treatment and services.

The Contractor will also provide support staff to carry out the above tasks, including:

- Peer and clinical supervision and management support.
- Travel support, equipment, furniture and communication tools.
- Items to support client engagement including items that aid in client wellness, safety and treatment; transportation to treatment and services and supportive and transitional/temporary housing and treatment.

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

The contractor was not selected by a competitive process for this continued year of funding, given our long-standing relationship and work with Denver Health from the inception of the SUN Program. The SUN Program is now in its 7th year and will continue partnering with Denver Health as they provide substance use navigation services to increase outreach, linkage to care, harm reduction support and resource referrals to those with substance use disorders (SUDs) and other behavioral health challenges in the community.

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

Source of funds: General funds; State funds, Caring for Denver Foundation

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

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

Who are the subcontractors to this contract? N/A

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