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Colorado Safe Parking Initiative (CSPI)

Safety, Housing, Education, & Homelessness Committee

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COLORADO **SAFE PARKING INITIATIVE**

Safe parking provides a safe, stable, legal place to sleep for people on their path toward more permanent housing

- Founded in spring 2019 by Denver residents Rochelle Brogan and Chelsey Baker-Hauck to better meet the needs of unhoused neighbors
- CSPI operates safe parking lots in Arvada, Broomfield, Commerce City, Golden, and Denver



Purpose

Safe parking provides:

- Stability, safety, and security for people and their property
- Case management increasing access to housing, services, employment, and/or education opportunities
- Improved rest leading to better physical and mental health, and maintain employment
- A community of support among safe parking guests, volunteers, and staff

Safe Parking supports HOST's Five-Year Strategic Plan goal to Address Unsheltered Homelessness



Current State

Two Safe Parking Sites in Denver

- Locations:
 - First Universalist Church at Hampden/S Colorado Blvd (Dist. 4)
 - First Baptist Church at 13th/Grant (Dist. 10)
- Overnight only, 8 vehicles per site
- Weekly case management
- Prospective “Parkers” apply through CSPI’s website or via phone
 - <https://www.colosafeparking.org/request-a-parking-permit>, (720)704-8242

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Contract Term	06/01/22 - 12/31/25
Funding Source	American Rescue Plan Act
Contract Amount	\$750,000

Contract Amendment

- Adds \$600,000 to increase from **2 sites to 4 sites to serve approximately 300 households**
- Increases term from **1 year to 3.5 years**
- Staffing including case management, facilities, supplies and client support costs

Action Requested Today

- Approval of #23-0723 – Colorado Safe Parking Initiative: Contract amendment adding \$600,000 to current \$150,000 contract for a total of \$750,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds to expand and extend a safe parking program for persons experiencing homelessness through December 31, 2025.



Questions?