



## **Executive Summary for Intergovernmental Agreement with Denver Department of Public Health & Environment and Denver Health and Hospital Authority for STAR Vans**

Denver Department of Public Health & Environment (DDPHE) is seeking an intergovernmental agreement with Denver Health and Hospital Authority (DHHA) to provide DHHA with \$526,610.38 to purchase and complete necessary customizations to 5 additional vans, which will be used to support the citywide expansion of the Support Team Assisted Response (STAR) Program.

The STAR Program deploys Emergency Response Teams that include Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) and Behavioral Health Clinicians to engage individuals experiencing crises related to poverty, homelessness, and mental health or substance abuse disorders.

DDPHE has a fully executed agreement with Mental Health Center of Denver to manage the response component of STAR. DHHA is a subcontractor who provides Paramedic/EMT staff under this contract.

The term of the DHHA agreement begins 12/1/21 to access 2021 funding through a pre-encumbrance and supplemental request. DDPHE encumbered \$384,628.92 from 2021 STAR budget (City general and supplementary funds) to pay for the first part of this purchase and will combine this with \$141,981.46 from the 2022 STAR budget (City general funds) to pay for the total amount, which is \$526,610.38. DHHA will use these funds to purchase and customize the vehicles. They will be responsible for insuring, maintaining, and storing the vehicles.

The contract language will stipulate that the vehicles can only be used in service of the STAR Program and if the STAR program were to be discontinued, or if DHHA was no longer a provider with the program, then the titles of the vans will revert to the City and County of Denver.

Ongoing supply chain issues have negatively affected the timeframe in which the vehicles will be available. The most recent estimate is that the vans will be delivered in the fall of 2022 and then must be customized (e.g., wheelchair lifts, Wi-Fi, safety lights, etc.) to be ready for service.

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