

# DEDO ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Date of Request: 2/1/21

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:** Creates a new contract between Denver Economic Development & Opportunity the Colorado Restaurant Association's Education Fund (dba Colorado Restaurant Foundation) for \$860,000 to launch a relief grant program for Denver residents who are working in food service and hospitality industries and experiencing hardships as a result of COVID-19.

**3. Requesting Agency: Denver Economic Development & Opportunity (DEDO)**

## 4. Contact Person:

<i>Contact person with knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution</i>	<i>Contact person to present item at Mayor-Council and Council</i>
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**5. General a text description or background of the proposed request, if not included as an executive summary.**

See Executive Summary

**6. City Attorney assigned to this request (if applicable):** Brian Martin

**7. City Council District:** Citywide

## Key Contract Terms

**Type of Contract:** (e.g. Professional Services > \$600K; IGA/Grant Agreement, Sale or Lease of Real Property):  
Professional Services

**Vendor/Contractor Name:** Colorado Restaurant Foundation

**Contract control number:** **OEDEV-202157393-00**

**Location:** 430 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Denver, CO 80203

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

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

**Contract Amount** (indicate existing amount, amended amount and new contract total):

<i>Current Contract Amount</i> <i>(A)</i>	<i>Additional Funds</i> <i>(B)</i>	<i>Total Contract Amount</i> <i>(A+B)</i>
\$860,000		\$860,000

  

<i>Current Contract Term</i>	<i>Added Time</i>	<i>New Ending Date</i>
January 1, 2021		December 31, 2021

**Scope of work:** *See Executive Summary for program elements.*

**Was this contractor selected by competitive process? If not, why not?**

In an intentional effort to balance program integrity with the urgency of the COVID-19 crisis, DEDO is drawing on the unique qualifications and infrastructure that the Colorado Restaurant Foundation has demonstrated thus far, having distributed \$2M in similar relief grants to restaurant workers statewide in 2020.

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

**Source of funds:** Local general funds - Special Revenue Fund (SRF)

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

**WBE/MBE/DBE commitments (construction, design, DEN concession contracts):** N/A

**Who are the subcontractors to this contract?** N/A

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing public health emergency that Colorado has been battling since March 2020, the hotel and restaurant industry in the city has suffered severe declines in revenue during the pandemic and have laid off and/or reduced the hours of significant numbers of workers. The closure of restaurants and hotels in the city also has a devastating effect on workers of those businesses, reduces tax revenues to the city, and will have other ripple effects throughout the city. It is imperative that the city provide relief to those workers impacted by layoffs and reduced hours resulting from COVID-19 in order to protect those workers' nondisposable and disposable income, Denver's economy, and local communities.

Founded in 1987, the 501(c)(3) Colorado Restaurant Foundation has pledged to operate as a safety net for those workers who are employed and who are experiencing general hardship, and they will continue to provide financial assistance (up to \$1,000) to those in crisis due to an unexpected hardship (including COVID-19). This grant program with the city is being launched to build upon the success that CRF demonstrated with the distribution of \$2M in relief grants to restaurant workers across the state in 2020. This grant program being contracted will allow for a 6% administrative fee for the CRF. As with the CRA's statewide Angel Relief Fund, the grants under the contract will range up to \$1,000 per individual, with hotel and restaurant workers residing in Denver who can demonstrate employment in the food service/hospitality industry for at least 90 days in 2020.

The grants of not more than \$1,000 for each individual worker in the 2021 year will be available for any Denver resident hospitality worker who:

- has a primary source of income rooted in food and beverage
- lives in the city of Denver and is facing an unanticipated hardship (within the past 6 months)
- has worked at current employer 90 days + (considerations may be given from previous employer)

As with the city's No Worker Left Behind program, these Denver relief grants will be available to qualified recipients regardless of immigration status and the city will not be collecting individual recipient information.