

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team

at MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org by **9:00 a.m. on Friday**. Contact the Mayor's Legislative team with questions

Date of Request: 08/31/2023

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.)

Approves a new contract with Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (HOST-202369929) in the amount of \$6,400,000 for the term of 10/1/2023 to 12/31/2026. This contract will be utilized for Encampment Resolution Outreach to address unsheltered homelessness in the City and County of Denver.

3. Requesting Agency: Department of Housing Stability (HOST)

4. Contact Person:

Contact person with knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution	Contact person to present item at Mayor-Council and Council
Name: Evangeline Bengler	Name: Sabrina Allie
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5. General description or background of proposed request. Attach executive summary if more space needed:

The purpose of this contract agreement is to provide a Department of Housing Stability (HOST) award for **\$6,400,000.00**. These funds will be provided to The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (CCH) to be utilized for Encampment Resolution Outreach to address unsheltered homelessness in the City and County of Denver.

6. City Attorney assigned to this request (if applicable): Johna Varty

7. City Council District: Citywide

8. **For all contracts, fill out and submit accompanying Key Contract Terms worksheet below**

To be completed by Mayor's Legislative Team:

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Key Contract Terms

Type of Contract: (e.g. Professional Services > \$500K; IGA/Grant Agreement, Sale or Lease of Real Property):
Professional Services > \$500K

Vendor/Contractor Name: The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless

Contract control number: HOST-202369929

Location: 2111 Champa St, Denver, CO 80205

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):

HOST-202369929: 10/01/2023 – 12/31/2026

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

<i>Current Contract Amount</i>	<i>Additional Funds</i>	<i>Total Contract Amount</i>
<i>(A)</i>	<i>(B)</i>	<i>(A+B)</i>
\$6,400,000.00	N/A	\$6,400,000.00

<i>Current Contract Term</i>	<i>Added Time</i>	<i>New Ending Date</i>
10/01/2023 – 12/31/2026	N/A	N/A

Scope of work:

The Encampment Resolution Initiative is designed to systematically engage persons experiencing homelessness who are encamped, living outside in a group of three or more in tents or other make-shift structures and rapidly assist all individuals to move directly into non-congregate shelter, bridge housing or a housing unit with supportive services within four (4) weeks of initial engagement. The purpose of this initiative is to engage whole encampments of people experiencing homelessness with the intention of moving every individual based on their choice and appropriate, available options, and resolve and maintain closure of the encampment site.

The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless will target specific encampments in collaboration with the City & County of Denver prior to closure. Encampment Resolution Outreach teams will engage encamped residents and utilize housing-focused outreach to support households’ movement to non-congregate, shelter alternatives, and/or housing. The team then moves to the next encampment and offers the same resolution services, contributing to a reduction in the number of individuals living unsheltered and in encampments.

Contractor responsibilities:

1. In collaboration with City of Denver and HOST, the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless will determine quarterly service targets. Initially, target for households served will be set as a minimum of 90 households per quarter, based on the availability of next-step resources, up to the maximum of 500 individuals at one time actively enrolled in encampment resolution.
2. Target and resolve by moving a minimum of 1080 unsheltered households into targeted NCS units, bridge housing or directly to housing over contract term.
3. Assist persons living in encampments to move directly to rental units using rent assistance or move directly to dedicated non-congregate shelter units or bridge housing until a rehousing subsidy is available.
4. Provide move-in assistance and client support by acquiring all necessary documentation needed to house someone
5. Provide housing navigation and landlord recruitment to secure housing units.
6. Provide targeted rent assistance and housing stabilization case management as a direct to housing resolution.
7. Coordinate with other City agencies to support encampment resolution and closure maintenance.

Services and components include

1. Targeted housing-focused outreach and engagement

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2. Inclusive of staff with lived experience
3. Housing Navigation
4. Landlord Recruitment
5. Behavioral health, substance misuse, and harm reduction services
6. Case Management

Client services include, but are not limited to:

1. Outreach services will be delivered to clients at the designated encampment area(s).
2. Transporting clients to the next appropriate indoor option
3. Assisting clients with securing and/or submitting the necessary documents for long-term housing solutions, as well as transporting clients to view units as necessary
4. Assisting clients with obtaining benefits and income acquisition, replacing vital identification documents, reunification, applying for subsidized housing, connection to behavioral and physical health services, and referral through OneHome, and other housing stabilization resources
5. Facilitating a smooth transition to long-term housing programs, including enrolling the client in rent assistance and case management services, meeting with individuals as they prepare for move-in, setting up utilities, assisting with transportation and support during lease signing, and continuing supportive services until transfer of care is fully coordinated with long-term care team.

Operations

1. Contractor must designate a team lead to serve as on-site field coordinator during the City designated resolution cycles. They will work in partnership with the City-lead and participate in daily initiative planning and briefing meetings.
2. Contractor Staff will remain consistent throughout the encampment resolution process from engagement to move-in and work as a team to ensure move-in and transition.

Was this contractor selected by competitive process? No **If not, why not?** The City and County of Denver is currently under an Emergency Declaration for the state of homelessness. This contractor was selected in connection with the emergency declaration by the Mayor’s Office on July 18th, 2023. The City has prioritized funding and services for people experiencing homelessness (PEH) to quickly resolve episodes of homelessness. An important part of service provision is outreach. This sole source is to quickly stand up an Encampment Response Outreach program that will provide client services such as outreach, transportation, vital document acquisition etc. This model requires the use of outreach teams to quickly engage PEH to get them to a sheltered or housed setting.

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

Source of funds: Homelessness Resolution Fund

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

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

Who are the subcontractors to this contract? Urban Peak and The St. Francis Center

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