

**ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST**

Please email requests to the Mayor’s Legislative Team

at [MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org](mailto:MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org) by **11 a.m. Monday**. Contact the Mayor’s Legislative team with questions

**Date of Request:** 5/12/23

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.)

Approves the fourth grant amendment with the Colorado Department of Human Services for \$578,000 and for one year to fund the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program to divert people with behavioral health needs into intensive case management in lieu of arrest for low-level crimes, citywide (ENVHL-202055380/SAFTY-202368048).

**3. Requesting Agency:**

Department of Safety

**4. Contact Person:**

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

The Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program is entering its seventh year of operation in Denver. People may enter the program through one of three pathways. 1) Police may divert people with behavioral health needs to intensive case management in lieu of arrest, for low level crimes. Diversions come through the Denver Police Department at an officer’s discretion. The officer conducts a warm hand off with a case manager who provides intensive services from a harm reduction lens. 2) Police and other justice system partners may provide referrals for people they believe are at high risk of future arrest for low-level charges, based on current circumstances and previous justice involvement. 3) A community partner may provide referrals for people they believe are at high risk of future arrest for low-level charges, based on current circumstances and known justice involvement.

LEAD may only respond to referrals if the program has the capacity to serve such individuals, after responding to Diversions. The goals of the program are to increase public safety by reducing harm for justice-involved people with behavioral health needs, increasing diversion of potential arrests into services and reducing future arrests and further justice-system involvement of program participants. Officers have discretion to divert people with behavioral health issues into services from the following charges: possession of illicit substances, trespassing, shoplifting, and prostitution. Referrals are engaged in intensive case management services including housing assistance, harm reduction practices, engaging mental health and substance use resources, accessing medical treatment, transportation, and the provision of basic necessities.

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

McKenzie Brandon

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7. **City Council District:**

City wide

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

**Key Contract Terms**

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

Grant Agreement

**Vendor/Contractor Name:**

Colorado Department of Human Services

**Contract control number:**

ENVHL-202055380

**Location:**

City wide

**Is this a new contract?**  Yes  No **Is this an Amendment?**  Yes  No **If yes, how many?** 04

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

ENVHL-202055380-00, 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2021.  
ENVHL-202055380-01, 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2021, amended 4/5/2021.  
ENVHL-202055380-02, 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2022, amended 4/26/2021.  
ENVHL-202055380-03, 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2023, amended 08/03/2022.  
This SAFTY-202368048-04, 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2024.

**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>
\$1,683,375	\$578,000	\$2,261,375

<i>Current Contract Term</i>	<i>Added Time</i>	<i>New Ending Date</i>
7/1/2020 – 6/30/2023	1 year	6/30/2024

**Scope of work:**

The Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program supports a process for officers to divert people with behavioral health needs into intensive case management in lieu of arrest for low-level crimes, citywide. LEAD also works with other related justice system and community partners to receive referrals they believe are at high risk of future arrest for low-level charges.

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Through the LEAD grant funding from CDHS, the program is able to staff 4 FTE and provide wraparound services and resources including housing assistance, harm reduction practices, engaging mental health and substance use resources, accessing medical treatment, transportation, and reducing barriers to accessing basic necessities to improving determinants of health.

The Case Manager duties include:

- Receive warm hand-offs from law enforcement diversions and referrals, which may sometimes include referrals from other criminal justice partners such as prosecution or defense. The Case Manager will provide screening, create a plan for safety and follow-up alongside the officer.
- Work with clients to complete a biopsychosocial assessment, client-centered goal plan, and provide individualized and intensive case management and support for as long as needed and appropriate.
- Carry low caseloads (average of 15-18 active participants), with the goal of maximizing capacity to provide intensive case management services.
- Engage in on-going coaching, problem-solving and facilitation with clients and empower clients to resolve immediate and recurring problems and barriers to receiving and/or participating in services or programs. Monitors eligibility for services by ensuring clients are following through with their agreed-upon responsibilities.
- Meet clients in their communities where they are at, as needed and appropriate and provide wraparound support. Wraparound services may include food, clothing/hygiene needs, housing, supplies, forms, transportation, and other needs that warrant proactive resource navigation and outreach in the community.
- Monitor and track client’s participation, follows up on any problems or issues that arise. Maintain and update files and databases by recording client contacts and coordinates and maintains records to comply with State grant and local requirements and regulations.
- Build professional relationships and networks with outside community resources, service providers and other counties, and facilitates the delivery of their services to ensure expedited and continued services and resources for client success.

Was this contractor selected by competitive process? No

If not, why not? Grant

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

Source of funds:

State of Colorado Department of Human Services - Office of Behavioral Health

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?

N/A

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