

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor’s Legislative Team at MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org by 3:00pm on Monday. Contact the Mayor’s Legislative team with questions

Date of Request: 9/3/20

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.)

Amends a contract with Empowerment Program, Inc., by adding \$340,000 for a new total of \$672,826 and one year for a new end date of 6-30-21 to divert people with behavioral health issues into intensive case management in lieu of arrest for low level crimes as part of the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program, citywide (ENVHL-202055933).

3. Requesting Agency: Public Health & Environment (DPHE)

4. Contact Person:

Table with 2 columns: Contact person with knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution, Contact person to present item at Mayor-Council and Council. Rows include Name and Email for Will Fenton & Huyen Doan and Will Fenton and Kevin Kelly.

5. General description or background of proposed request. Attach executive summary if more space needed:

To continue the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program for its third year in Denver. The program diverts people with behavioral health issues into intensive case management in lieu of arrest for low level crimes. The Empowerment program is sub contracted to provide the case management services.

The Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program is entering its third year in Denver. The program diverts people with behavioral health issues into intensive case management in lieu of arrest for low level crimes. Referrals 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. LEAD serves participants who struggle with behavioral health issues and frequently interact with law enforcement. The goal of the program is to reduce harm for those with behavioral health issues and to reduce jail bed days.

LEAD operates in collaboration with DPD’s District 1, 2, 6, and the Vice Unit. 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, substance use treatment, medical treatment, transportation, and the provision of basic necessities.

6. City Attorney assigned to this request (if applicable): Lindsay Carter/Lee Zarzicki

7. City Council District: All

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

To be completed by Mayor’s Legislative Team:

**Key Contract Terms**

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

**Vendor/Contractor Name:** Empowerment Program, Inc.

**Contract control number:** ENVHL-202055933

**Location:** The City and County of Denver

**Is this a new contract?**  Yes  No **Is this an Amendment?**  Yes  No **If yes, how many?** 1

**Contract Term/Duration (for amended contracts, include existing term dates and amended dates):**  
April 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020 to April 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021

**Contract Amount (indicate existing amount, amended amount and new contract total):** \$672,826

<i>Current Contract Amount</i>	<i>Additional Funds</i>	<i>Total Contract Amount</i>
<i>(A)</i>	<i>(B)</i>	<i>(A+B)</i>
\$332,826	\$340,000	\$672,826

  

<i>Current Contract Term</i>	<i>Added Time</i>	<i>New Ending Date</i>
4/1/18-6/30/20	One year	6/30/21

**Scope of work:** The Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program is entering its third year in Denver. The program diverts people with behavioral health issues into intensive case management in lieu of arrest for low level crimes. Referrals 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. LEAD serves participants who struggle with behavioral health issues and frequently interact with law enforcement. The goal of the program is to reduce harm for those with behavioral health issues and to reduce jail bed days. The case management will be provided by the Empowerment Program.

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

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

**Source of funds:** State of Colorado- Office of Behavioral Health – LEAD Program (Grant funded)

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

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

Who are the subcontractors to this contract? None

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