

## ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team  
at [MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org](mailto:MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org) by **3:00pm on Monday.**

***\*All fields must be completed.\****

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**Date of Request:** May 16, 2011

Please mark one: ☒ **Bill Request** or ☐ **Resolution Request**

**1. Has your agency submitted this request in the last 12 months?**

☐ **Yes** ☒ **No**

**If yes, please explain:**

**2. Title:** *(Include a concise, one sentence description – please include name of company or contractor and contract control number - that clearly indicates the type of request: grant acceptance, contract execution, amendment, municipal code change, supplemental request, etc.)*

A request authorizing spending authority in the amount of \$15,436,000 for fiscal year 2011-2012 for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

**3. Requesting Agency:** Office of Economic Development

**4. Contact Person:** *(With actual knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution.)*

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**5. Contact Person:** *(With actual knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution who will present the item at Mayor-Council and who will be available for first and second reading, if necessary.)*

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**6. General description of proposed ordinance including contract scope of work if applicable:**

The proposed ordinance authorizes the expenditure of funds for the operation of the TANF Case Management of the Employment and Training Program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 (additional information provided in the Executive Summary)

***\*\*Please complete the following fields:*** *(Incomplete fields may result in a delay in processing. If a field is not applicable, please enter N/A for that field.)*

- a. Contract Control Number:** 93.558
- b. Duration:** July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012
- c. Location:** City and County of Denver
- d. Affected Council District:** City wide
- e. Benefits:** Reduces the number of Denver families in poverty by providing employment and training services to TANF eligible individuals
- f. Costs:** \$15,436,000 in US Department of Human Services funds

**7. Is there any controversy surrounding this ordinance?** *(Groups or individuals who may have concerns about it?)* **Please explain** No.

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (if applicable)**

- **Fund and Organization Number, including Grant Number if known:** 17405/0117101
- **The grantor, grant amount, and start/end dates:** The grantor is the U.S. Department of Human Services; the funds are provided to Denver's Department of Human Services through the Colorado Department of Human Services. Through an MOU, DHS provides these funds to the Division of Workforce Development. The appropriation request is for \$15,436,000. The period of performance is July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.
- **CFDA Number and Contract Control Number:** 93.558
- **Grant objectives (e.g. target population, geographic area served):** The purpose of these funds is to reduce the number of Denver families in poverty by providing employment and training services that to TANF participants and to TANF-eligible individuals, thereby increasing work participation and improving the chances for self-sufficiency.
- **Matching dollar amounts and staffing requirements, and the funding source of the match:** None
- **Evaluation component:** Work participation rates are measured monthly; additionally, performance standards such as completion of training, entered employment rate and wages, are applied and tracked through JobLink, the State's MIS system.
- **For multiple year projects, list previous accomplishments:** Work participation rates have held high, in spite of the poor economy and increasing TANF caseloads.

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The Office of Economic Development, Division of Workforce Development, is requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$15,436,000 to fund the TANF Case Management, Employment and Training Program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011.

### **Background**

Since 1999, the Department of Human Services (DHS) has been responsible for the eligibility determination and case management services provided to Denver's TANF participants. The Division of Workforce Development (DWD), through a Memorandum of Understanding with DHS, had been responsible for the employment and training program of TANF participants as part of its annual budget request.

With the federal reauthorization of TANF placing a greater emphasis on work participation, the two involved departments, with the support of the Denver Welfare Reform Board, decided in 2007 that the desired outcomes of full employment and self-sufficiency would be better met by consolidating the case management with the employment and training efforts under the Division of Workforce Development.

### **Budget**

The total amount to be budgeted for the TANF program for spending by the Division of Workforce Development for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 is \$15,436,000.

Contracts	\$	6,747,210
Work Experience/On-the-Job Training		250,000
Personnel		7,659,363
<u>Non-personnel costs</u>		<u>779,427</u>
TOTAL	\$	15,436,000

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This represents a 7% reduction from the 2010 allocation in the amount of \$1,084,000. While funding has been decreasing over the last three years, the caseload has increased significantly, and the federal work participation rate has remained high. OED's average monthly TANF caseload in federal fiscal year 2008 was 1038 cases. OED's TANF caseload for March 2011 is 2074 cases. This represents a 147.6% caseload increase over two years.

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