

## ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team

at [MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org](mailto:MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org) by **9 a.m. Friday**. Contact the Mayor's Legislative team with questions

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**Date of Request:** 11/20/2023

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.)

Amends the contract (202262299-00) with Mental Health Center of Denver d/b/a WellPower, for continued 24/7 co-responder services that is funded by the Caring for Denver Foundation grant.

**3. Requesting Agency:**

Denver Police Department

**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 Denver Police Department is continuing its successful co-responder program. This program is managed through two contracts and funding streams and this request is one of two submitted simultaneously to amend both contracts and bring the contractual performance periods into alignment for the reasons discussed below.

Context for this specific agreement and request: The Denver Police Department has been awarded additional funding from the Caring for Denver Foundation to continue its 24/7 coverage and expand its successful co-responder program. This third amendment increases the funding, updates the scope of work, and extends the duration of the program with Mental Health Center of Denver, d/b/a/ WellPower, that pairs mental health clinicians with police officers and focuses on responding to calls for service involving individuals with suspected or known mental health needs. This request seeks to add additional funds and time onto the contractual agreement to ensure continuity of services while the Department conducts a competitive bid process for these services (see below for additional detail). Additionally, due to the grant cycle of the funder, additional months of performance have been approved to bring this agreement onto a similar timeline as the other funding stream contract for these services. City Council approved acceptance of the funding from Caring for Denver related to these services on 10/02/2023 and the fully executed grant award contract with the Caring for Denver Foundation received by the Department on 10/18/2023. Due to a length of time and timing in receiving the finalized grant funding award letter from the funder and moving the grant award acceptance through the full contracting process, there will now be a gap from the current service provider contract end date (10/31/2023) and the date of full execution for the contract amendment, pending approval by Council. The Department and vendor are communicating and collaborating to ensure continuity of services while the amendment moves through the contracting process and pending Council approval. The second contract and its funding stream remain in place and with funds available during the gap period prior to approval and full contract amendment execution for this request.

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Overall Background and Context: The purpose of the two requested amendments is to bring the two contracts related to the program on a common contracting timeline and add time and funds to ensure continuity of services while a competitive bid process and contracting with a service provider is completed. The Department anticipates a lengthy RFP and contracting process due to the type and complexity of services sought (potentially 8 – 10 months). In the event the RFP process could be completed sooner, the Department anticipates coming before Council to approve new contracts with the successful vendor as soon as practicable.

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

McKenzie Brandon

**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):**

Professional Services > \$500K

**Vendor/Contractor Name:**

Mental Health Center of Denver, d/b/a WellPower

**Contract control number:**

Parent: 202262299-00 / this Amendment: POLIC-202370811-03

**Location:**

City wide

Is this a new contract?  Yes  No Is this an Amendment?  Yes  No If yes, how many? 3

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

POLIC-202262299-00 07/01/21 – 05/31/22;  
 POLIC-202263196-01 07/01/21 – 08/31/22;  
 POLIC-202264512-02 07/01/21 – 10/31/23;  
 POLIC-202370811-03 07/01/21 – 11/30/24 (this amendment).

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

<i>Current Contract Amount</i> (A)	<i>Additional Funds</i> (B)	<i>Total Contract Amount</i> (A+B)
\$3,923,189	\$2,082,705	\$6,005,894

  

<i>Current Contract Term</i>	<i>Added Time</i>	<i>New Ending Date</i>
07/01/21 – 10/31/23	13 months	11/30/24

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**Scope of work:**

Mental Health Care of Denver d/b/a WellPower will continue to provide 24/7 co-responder services in areas of highest need. A team of clinicians, case managers, a case manager supervisor, program evaluator and a program manager will continue to work collaboratively and in partnership with Denver’s Police, Fire, Sheriff and Parks Departments, community organizations and community stakeholders.

The Co-Responder Program provides 24/7, Citywide response for situations necessitating a law enforcement response (presence of weapons, situational security, high acuity and immediate response needed). Additional Co-Responders support co-response for compliance and enforcement by Park Rangers, problem-solving and navigation to decrease overreliance on Emergency Medical Service (EMS) resources through 9-1-1, clinical support for Court-ordered medication and eviction situations, and others. This contract funds 17 clinicians, 4 case managers, and 7 Outreach Case Coordinators.

**Was this contractor selected by competitive process?**      N/A      **If not, why not?** Grant funded

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

**Source of funds:**

Caring for Denver Foundation Grant ID #202305-02396; POLIC-202369658 / Fund (12601) Cost Center (351280)

**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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