

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: **11/15/2021**

Please mark one: **Bill Request**

1. Type of Request:

- Contract/Grant Agreement Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Rezoning/Text Amendment
- Dedication/Vacation Appropriation/Supplemental DRMC Change
- Other: **Rescission and Appropriation**

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.)

Rescinds a maximum of \$49,000,000 from General Fund agency appropriations, authorizes appropriations to transfer cash to the Coronavirus Emergency Response Special Revenue Fund, and makes appropriations in the Coronavirus Emergency Response Fund to address ongoing emergency needs in 2022.

3. **Requesting Agency:** Department of Finance, Budget and Management Office

4. Contact Person:

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

This request is prompted by the forthcoming closure of the Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) program, which will expire on January 1, 2022. The Department of Finance intends to transfer eligible 2021 payroll expenses for employees in General Fund agencies who fulfill a public health or public safety pandemic response as outlined under CRF. This ensures all CRF funds are fully expended by the year-end deadline. Under U.S. Department of Treasury guidance, any unused CRF funds must be returned to the federal government.

To enable this action, this bill request rescinds a maximum of \$49,000,000 from General Fund agency appropriations in the Department of Public Health and Environment, 911 Emergency Communications and the Fire Department and reappropriates budget in transfer orgs to transfer cash to and make appropriation in the Coronavirus Emergency Response Special Revenue Fund.

This action will consequently reduce General Fund expenditures, freeing budgetary capacity before year-end 2021. Note that these expenditures fully used General Fund appropriation established for 2021; they don't constitute or imply underutilized budget by the affected agencies. The request will allow for the rescission of this newly restored budget and subsequent transfer of cash and establishment of appropriation in the Coronavirus Emergency Response Special Revenue Fund, which is a non-lapsing fund and therefore available for continued use on emergency-related needs in 2022. Those needs include a continuation of the strategy of temporarily accommodating FEMA-related expenses, such as providing emergency shelter, until obligation by FEMA (a function previously performed by CRF); fulfilling FEMA match requirements; and addressing other emergency needs which may materialize in 2022. This latter action will be done on as-needed basis and with full consultation with City Council. Any unused budget in the SRF will be returned to General Fund balance at the conclusion of the Covid-19 emergency.

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

7. **City Council District:** All

To be completed by Mayor's Legislative Team:

Resolution/Bill Number:

Date Entered: _____