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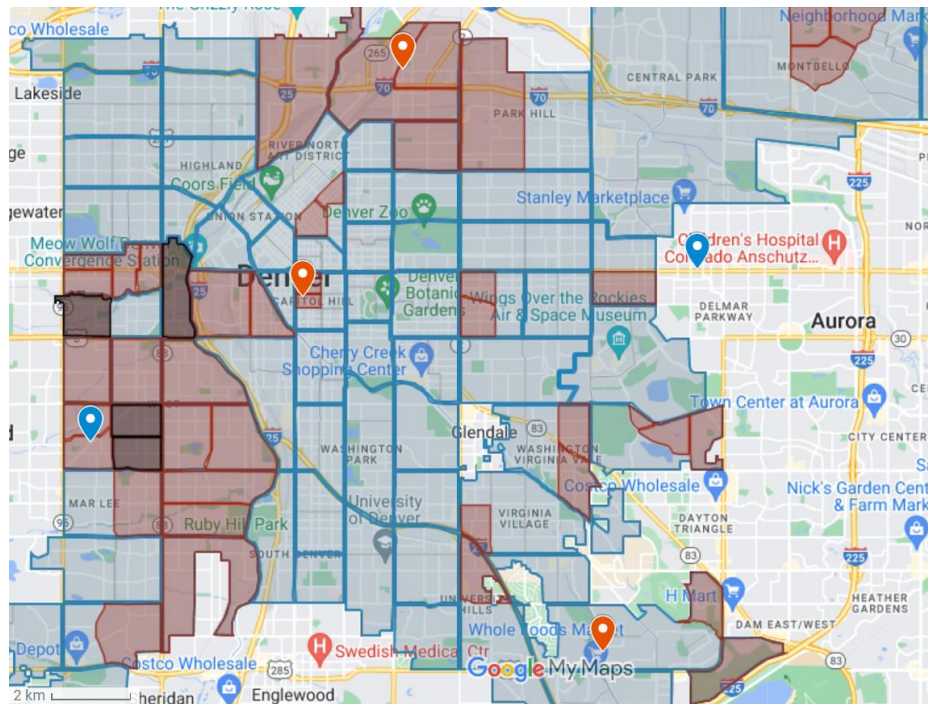
Resolution 23-0538

Approves a contract with Impact Charitable for \$3,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds and through 6-30-2024 to provide eligible Denver residents one-time, direct cash assistance, up to \$1,500, to mitigate the negative financial aftermath and impacts of the pandemic and to support economic stability, citywide (HRCRS-202367950).

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Program purpose	This emergency cash assistance program of \$3 million will support families directly impacted by COVID-19 and its aftermath across the City and County of Denver by providing a one-time payment to the head of household, who is ineligible for federally funded public benefits, and with at least one child 17 years of age or under residing in the household.
Population served	City and County of Denver families who were both disproportionately impacted and generally by COVID-19 and its aftermath and populations based on residence in a qualified census tract OR with a child in their household eligible for a qualifying benefits programs OR having experienced housing or food insecurity.
Program output	One-time cash transfer payments of at least \$1000; some may be eligible for an additional \$500 based on additional factors related to inability to address basic household needs.
Anticipated outcomes	This program aims to support families in meeting basic needs such as housing, food, utilities, bills, transportation, childcare, and/or healthcare.
Measurements for the program outputs/outcomes	The number of cash transfers disbursed, demographic analysis based on zip code, gender, age of children, anticipated and actual use of cash assistance via pre and post survey, and number of children who have benefited from cash transfer.

Basic Cash Assistance for Households: Anticipated Outputs



Number of eligible applicants: between **1800 to 2200**, with **60%** of eligible applicants from **qualified census tracts** (as established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development). The remaining **40%** of eligible applicants may reside in non-qualified census tract areas.

Estimated number of children in grantee households reached: **4200**

Estimated number of children under the age of 5 in grantee households reached: **1200**

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- Based on the continued needs that were discovered as a result of the of CRF/ARPA Round 1 program funding related to the Denver Left Behind Worker's Fund, this program will contract with the same third-party administrator to execute the current program.
- Trusted community partners with experience will be selected to conduct outreach and screening of eligible Denver residents for this program.
- Community partners may use a combination of both bilingual staff and/or interpreters and translators to conduct outreach.

Questions?

Appendix

Denver Basic Income Project (HOST) v. Basic Cash Assistance for Households Program (HRCP)

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	Contract Term	Length of cash assistance	Population served
Denver Basic Income Project (HOST)	July 2022 – July 2024	Continuous, for 12 months	City and County of Denver population experiencing homelessness, primarily women, gender nonconforming/nonbinary persons, and families that are utilizing shelter.
Basic Cash Assistance for Households (HRCP)	April 2023 – June 2024	One-time	City and County of Denver families impacted by COVID-19 and its aftermath, specifically the head of household, who is ineligible for federally funded public benefits, and with at least one child 17 years of age or under residing in the household.

Left Behind Workers Fund Impact Snapshot: Denver v. Statewide

	Funds disbursed	Number of residents reached	Children in grantee households reached	Children under 5 in grantee households reached	Forecasted use of dollars
Colorado State	\$37,500,000	25,000	16,146	3,740	Bills, food, healthcare, housing, transportation, utilities, childcare
City and County of Denver *Data is from CARES round of funding not initial CCD investment	\$2,590,000	2,655	3,087*	969*	



of recipients were **more comfortable seeking assistance from community organizations** after receiving the funds.

LBWF gave us a higher sense of credibility in the community [and has been] an amazing tool for that outreach.

Community Based Organization Leader