

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – CCC Safety Improvements and Upgrades

Denver Arts & Venues is seeking City Council approval of an ordinance that will authorize Denver Arts & Venues to enter into a contract with SMG to install certain safety-enhancing equipment and make related upgrades at the Colorado Convention Center using Federal Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF).

- To promote the health and safety of employees and the public at the CCC, and to ensure the CCC meets the highest health and safety standards when it resumes normal operations, it is critical to quickly install equipment and make related upgrades at the CCC.
- Improvements were assessed prior to notification that CRF were available for use.
- Improvements of this nature are contained within the normal operating scope of the CCC Contractor. If CRF funds were not used, this work would be performed pursuant to the Contractor's existing agreement with the City.
- These improvements were discussed with DSBO prior to initiating the projects. It was agreed that given the urgency of the health situation, existing agreement, and manufacturing and installation lead times, that procuring these services through the CCC contractual operator was appropriate.
- To ensure completion of these projects by the federally mandated deadline, the Contractor will need to expedite this work.
- There is increasing likelihood the State of Colorado will activate the Alternative Care Facility at the CCC through Q1 2021 given the recent surges in COVID-19 cases. These improvements will help ensure the health and safety of patients and staff should the facility be activated.
- The possibility of a further Q2 2021 extension depends on reduction of the current positivity rates and total case loads of COVID-19 in the region.
- Resumption of partial or normal convention activity depends on reduction of the current positivity rates and total case loads of COVID-19 in the region.
- Continuity of service from this provider is necessary with respect to some of the contemplated work to maintain the integrity of existing product warranties.
- These measures will provide a competitive advantage for the CCC in the safe resumption of partial and normal operating activity.
- A resumption of convention activity will help support businesses in the area which have suffered a decline in business due to COVID-19.

- The CCC is critical to the generation of lodgers and sales taxes in the downtown Denver area, representing millions of dollars in annual revenues. A resumption of convention activity will help reestablish a sales tax and lodgers tax base in support of the city's general fund.