HSS, Inc. GENRL-202160746-00

Original Agreement: GENRL-201524822-05

Overview:

The Mayor of the City and County of Denver declared a state of local disaster emergency on March 12, 2020 pursuant to C.R.S. 24-33.5-701, et seq., brought on by the spread of COVID-19, the Governor of the State of Colorado declared a Disaster Emergency (D 2020 003) dated March 11, 2020 on the same basis, and the President of the United States issued a Declaration of Emergency on March 13, 2020 due to the COVID-19 crisis.

The City and County of Denver received $308 million in Local Relief Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARAP) in July 2021. The United States Treasury is delivering the funds in two payments of $154 million in 2021 and 2022. The ARPA funds are critical to the city's financial plan recovery which includes a mixture of federal, state, and local stimulus funds. The city will use $46.2 million in federal ARPA funds to restore some of the budget reductions that occurred in 2020 due to budget reductions. Due to significant reduction in operational funding due to COVID-19 pandemic, critical security services were cut or eliminated. The 2021 ARPA funds allowed the Denver Security Office to allocate funds to essential operations including security officer services, managing, and prioritizing requests, and meet budget needs for the safety and security of city buildings and employees.

HSS, Inc. provides security personnel services to the City and County of Denver facilities, with the exception of DEN. HSS, Inc. provides armed and unarmed agents to maintain security at varying levels across the City to meet the City's needs. HSS, Inc. is performing security personnel services across the city as part of their regular duties and at shelters in response to COVID-19. The General Services Contract Office is requesting a formal amendment to add American Rescue Plan Act language to the existing contract that allows the City and County of Denver to seek reimbursement for services related to the COVID-19 pandemic.