

# Executive Summary

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Date: April 28, 2023

Re: Basic Cash Assistance Program \$3 million Contract

From: Atim Otii, Director of Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

## **Summary of the Basic Cash Assistance Program:**

As a part of Denver's response to aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, Human Rights and Community Partnerships agency (HRCP) endeavors to establish a project to assist City and County of Denver residents, who are head of their household with at least one child, who were impacted due to COVID-19 and its aftermath and are ineligible for federal public benefit assistance.

Impact Charitable is a 501c3 that has provided one-time direct cash transfers in the amount of \$500 - \$1,500 to individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic but who were not eligible for other forms of assistance. Impact Charitable's goal is to empower individuals to address their most pressing needs (food, rent, bills, health, travel, etc.) by partnering with trusted local non-profits that directly serve community directly impacted.

Impact Charitable started a state-wide pilot program on April 9, 2020, to assist impacted individuals throughout Colorado; to date they have given over \$37,000,000 to nearly 25,000 eligible recipients. This larger work was spearheaded by Denver's start of the Denver Left Behind Worker's Fund. Building on the success of these programs, Impact Charitable will partner with HRCP and the City and County of Denver to establish a cash assistance program for families directly impacted by COVID-19 or its aftermath across the City and County of Denver. Through this program, between \$1,000 - \$1,500 will be provided in a one-time cash payment to eligible individuals to mitigate the negative financial impact of the pandemic and support economic stability.