

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: May 17, 2021

Please mark one: Bill Request or Resolution Request

1. Type of Request:

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

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.)

Authorizes a grant agreement with the United States Department of the Treasury to receive \$27,274,556.20 in Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) funds to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to experiencing a reduction in household income, incurring significant costs, or experiencing other financial hardship during or due, directly or indirectly, to the coronavirus pandemic.

3. Requesting Agency: The Department of Finance and HOST

4. Contact Person:

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

The City and County of Denver is receiving \$27,274,556.20 in federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) funds from the US. Department of Treasury to assist households who are unable to make rent and utility payments during or due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This is the second round of ERAP funding awarded to Denver, providing the city with a total of \$49,159,548.30.

The program guidelines require no less than 85 percent of the funding be used for direct financial assistance, including rent, rental arrears, utilities and home energy costs, utilities and home energy costs arrears, housing stability services, and other expenses related to housing. Remaining funds are available for administrative costs. The Emergency Rental Assistance program is available to renter households earning up to 80 percent of the area median income; contain a member who qualifies for unemployment or has experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced a financial hardship during or due, directly or indirectly, to the coronavirus pandemic; and can demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability. Eligible households that include an individual who has been unemployed for the 90 days prior to application for assistance and households with income at or below 50% of the area median income are to be prioritized for assistance.

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ERAP 2 included a set aside for eligible grantees with a high need for assistance, based on the number of very low-income renter households paying more than 50 percent of income on rent or living in substandard or overcrowded conditions, rental market costs, and change in employment since February 2020. Denver's ERAP 2 funding allocation is therefore comprised of two separate amounts. The first, totaling \$17,316,570, is the general formula allocation. The second, totaling \$9,957,986.20, is the high-need allocation. Both allocations have the same criteria and requirements as described above.

Although this program bears a close connection to the existing ERAP program, there are some variations in its terms that require it to be considered as a stand-alone agreement. For example, ERAP 1 allows for up to 10% for administrative costs and ERAP 2 allows for up to 15% in administrative costs.

HOST will work closely with the City Council, the State of Colorado and provider partners to ensure funding is distributed to the households most in need.

6. City Attorney assigned to this request (if applicable): Andrew Riester

7. City Council District: All

8. **For all contracts, fill out and submit accompanying Key Contract Terms worksheet**

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Key Contract Terms

Type of Contract: Grant Agreement > \$500K

Vendor/Contractor Name: United States Department of the Treasury

Contract control number: HOST-202158782

Location:

Is this a new contract? Yes No **Is this an Amendment?** Yes No **If yes, how many?** _____

Contract Term/Duration (for amended contracts, include existing term dates and amended dates):

January 1, 2021 to September 30, 2025

Contract Amount (indicate existing amount, amended amount and new contract total):

<i>Current Contract Amount</i> (A)	<i>Additional Funds</i> (B)	<i>Total Contract Amount</i> (A+B)
\$27,274,556.20		\$27,274,556.20

<i>Current Contract Term</i>	<i>Added Time</i>	<i>New Ending Date</i>
1/1/2021-9/30/2025		

Scope of work:

This grant will be used to assist eligible households with rental and utility payments. Additional services may include housing stability services, which includes case management and other services intended to keep households stably housed.

Was this contractor selected by competitive process? N/A

If not, why not? N/A

Has this contractor provided these services to the City before? Yes No

Source of funds: U.S. Department of the Treasury; federal appropriation established by the American Recovery Act enacted on March 11, 2021.

Is this contract subject to: W/MBE DBE SBE XO101 ACDBE N/A

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WBE/MBE/DBE commitments (construction, design, Airport concession contracts):

Who are the subcontractors to this contract?

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