

Date of Request: 9/21/2015

Please mark one:  Bill Request or  Resolution Request

1. Has your agency submitted this request in the last 12 months?

Yes  No

If yes, please explain:

2. Title: Request for Supplemental Appropriation – Repayment to State

3. Requesting Agency:  
Denver Department of Human Services

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6. General description of proposed ordinance including contract scope of work if applicable: The Department of Human Services incurs administrative costs for eligibility activities associated with Medicaid and Food Assistance (aka SNAP). The Department is allocated a certain level of funding by the State of Colorado, and is reimbursed at an 80% rate for allowable expenses associated with these activities. The 80% rate is comprised of state general fund (30%) and federal funds (50%). While the state general funds are capped through the state long bill appropriations, the federal funds are uncapped. As a result, when county departments of human services spend beyond their allocations, such expenditures are submitted by the State to the federal funding agencies for 50% reimbursement and when received, the federal funds are then passed through from the State to the counties at the close of each state fiscal year.

An error in the methodology used by the State over a three-year period resulted in a number of counties being over-reimbursed. The State has presented each over-reimbursed county with a set of options through which it could repay the State (see attached letter). Denver Human Services is selecting the option of fully repaying the State in 2015. In order to do so, the Department will require additional spending authority from the Department’s Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,757,585.21, equal to the amount of the overpayment.

The proposed ordinance will increase the appropriation to Fund #13008-5511000 by \$2,757,585.21.

**\*\*Please complete the following fields:**

- a. Contract Control Number:
- b. Duration:
- c. Location: Denver Human Services
- d. Affected Council District:
- e. Benefits:
- f. Costs:

7. Is there any controversy surrounding this ordinance? Please explain. There is not any controversy surrounding this ordinance. The Colorado Department of Human Services worked closely with counties in developing as many options for repayment as were practical.

To be completed by Mayor’s Legislative Team:

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