

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team
at [MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org](mailto: MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org) by **9 a.m. Friday**. Contact the Mayor's Legislative team with questions

Date of Request: 11/20/2023

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.)

Amends a contract (ENVHL-201845517-00) with Mental Health Center of Denver, d/b/a Wellpower, by adding \$700,000 for a new total of \$4,500,000 and one year for a new end date of 12/31/24 for operation of the Crisis Intervention Response Unit (aka Co-Responder), which pairs a mental health clinician with a police officer to respond to calls involving individuals with suspected mental health needs, citywide.

3. Requesting Agency:

Denver Police Department

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 Denver Police Department is continuing its successful co-responder program. This program is managed through two contracts and funding streams and this request is one of two submitted simultaneously to amend both contracts and bring the contractual performance periods into alignment for the reasons discussed below.

Context for this specific agreement and request: Previously, this was a Crime Prevention and Control Commission (CPCC) funded agreement that was transferred to the Police General Fund budget as part of the 2023 budget. This amendment increases the funding and duration of the program with Mental Health Center of Denver, d/b/a WellPower, that pairs mental health clinicians with police officers and focuses on responding to calls for service involving individuals with suspected or known mental health needs. This request seeks to add additional funds and time onto the contractual agreement to ensure continuity of services while the Department conducts a competitive bid process for these services (see below for additional detail).

Overall Background and Context: The purpose of the two requested amendments is to bring the two contracts related to the program on a common contracting timeline and add time and funds to ensure continuity of services while a competitive bid process and contracting with a service provider is completed. The Department anticipates a lengthy RFP and contracting process due to the type and complexity of services sought (potentially 8 – 10 months). In the event the RFP process could be completed sooner, the Department anticipates coming before Council to approve new contracts with the successful vendor as soon as practicable.

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

McKenzie Brandon

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7. **City Council District:**

City wide

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

Key Contract Terms

Type of Contract: (e.g. Professional Services > \$500K; IGA/Grant Agreement, Sale or Lease of Real Property):

Professional Services > \$500K

Vendor/Contractor Name:

Mental Health Center of Denver, d/b/a WellPower

Contract control number:

Parent: ENVHL: 201845517-00 / this Amendment: POLIC-202370809-05

Location:

City wide

Is this a new contract? Yes No Is this an Amendment? Yes No If yes, how many? 05

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

ENVHL-201845517-00, 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019;
ENVHL-201952894-01, 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2020;
ENVHL-202158249-02, 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2021;
ENVHL-202161518-03, 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2022;
POLIC-202265763-04, 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2023;
POLIC-202370809-05, 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2024 (this amendment).

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

<i>Current Contract Amount</i>	<i>Additional Funds</i>	<i>Total Contract Amount</i>
(A)	(B)	(A+B)
3,800,000	700,000	4,500,000

<i>Current Contract Term</i>	<i>Added Time</i>	<i>New Ending Date</i>
1/1/2019-12/31/2023	1 year	12/31/2024

Scope of work:

The Crisis Intervention Response Unit will assist Denver Police Department in determining the best response to persons they encounter who are presenting with possible mental health or other behavioral concerns if a law enforcement intervention is not immediately warranted. The program is intended to provide proactive care to ensure that appropriate interventions are made for persons with behavioral health issues to improve the lives of the community of the City and County of Denver, streamline services, and create system efficiencies. The CIRU Co-Responder Program provides 24/7, Citywide response for situations necessitating a law enforcement response (presence of weapons, situational security, high acuity and immediate response needed). This contract funds 11 clinicians.

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Was this contractor selected by competitive process? Yes If not, why not?

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

Source of funds:

General Fund

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

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

N/A

Who are the subcontractors to this contract?

None

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