

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **Background:**

In 2021 A&V Public Art Program was approached by Brenda Tierney, a consultant with CIG on the CDOT I-70 project. She wanted to ensure that public art was included in the overlay park as part of the construction. A&V agreed that the people of Denver deserved public art here despite it being a CDOT funded project with no 1% for Art budget. This resolution would provide \$620,000 in funding from CDOT that would be managed by Brenda Tierney and Denver Arts & Venues Public Art Program staff in accordance with City of Denver ordinance and public art guidelines and policies. These funds would be spent to post the public art calls for art, pay finalist artists for their proposals, and to create contracts for the fabrication and installation of public art.

### **Current Request:**

A&V is seeking City Council approval of a resolution that will allow the transfer of \$620,000 from CDOT to A&V to be spent under this agreement.

- The 4-acre public park is currently being built and will be located on top of I-70 between just west of Columbine Street and just east of Clayton Street.
- The grant includes all necessary selection process monetary requirements to contract with two or more artists to design, fabricate and install public artwork prior to May 31, 2024.
- CCD to contract with artist(s) and manage payments to artists – CDOT/ Central 70 will coordinate with the artists to provide information necessary for each payment.
- Salaries for CDOT and CCD staff are not being paid from this grant.