

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

Please mark one: Bill Request or Resolution Request

Date of Request: 3/26/24

1. Type of Request:

- Contract//IGA/Grant Agreement Rezoning/Map Amendment Appointment
 Dedication/Vacation OHR Classification Other:

2. Title: *(Include a concise, one sentence description – please include name of company or contractor and contract control number - that clearly indicates the type of request: grant acceptance, contract execution, contract amendment, municipal code change, supplemental request, etc.)*

Approves a contract with La Clinica Tepeyac (Tepeyac Community Health Center) for \$700,000 and through 12-31-26 to enhance the bilingual and culturally representative health workforce by reducing wait times and improving treatment outcomes, citywide.

3. Requesting Agency: DDPHE

4. Contact Person:

Contact person with knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution	Contact person to present item at Mayor-Council and Council
Name: Marion Rorke	Name: Will Fenton
Email: marion.rorke@denvergov.org	Email: William.fenton@denvergov.org

5. General description or background of proposed request; include attached executive summary if more space needed:

La Clinic Tepeyac ('Tepeyac') will provide linguistically and culturally responsive behavioral health services to low-income Denver residents. The goal of these services is to improve access to behavioral health services, reduce wait times for behavioral health services, achieve improvements to mental health outcomes, and enhance an efficient referral connection system for mental health treatment services.

6. City Attorney assigned to this request (if applicable): Breena Meng | breena.meng@denvergov.org

7. **For all contracts, fill out and submit accompanying Key Contract Terms worksheet (highlight this line somehow)**

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Key Contract Terms

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

Vendor/Contractor Name: La Clinica Tepeyac

Contract control number: ENVHL-202472977

Location: City & County of Denver

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): 03/01/2024 through 12/31/2026

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)
\$700,000	\$0	\$700,000

<i>Current Contract Term</i>	<i>Added Time</i>	<i>New Ending Date</i>
03/01/2024	n/a	12/31/2026

Scope of work:

The three primary objectives of the project are:

- 1) Decrease the waitlist for people seeking treatment for behavioral health concerns.
- 2) Improve access to behavioral health services through group therapy sessions and extended hours.
- 3) Improve mental health outcomes among patients after three months of treatment.
- 4) Establish and enhance an efficient referral connection system for mental health treatment services.

To accomplish this, Tepeyac will employ the following staff:

- **Specialized Behavioral Health Provider:** The specialized behavioral health provider will provide therapy services for people living with HIV. Services are provided in Spanish or English.
- **Behavioral Health Provider, Psychologist:** The behavioral health provider will increase Tepeyac's capacity to provide individuals, couples and families with traditional therapy, with a focus on depression, anxiety and trauma-based therapy.
- **Specialized Case Manager:** The specialized behavioral health case manager will work closely with the behavioral health team to support Tepeyac patients living with HIV with coordination of internal and external services and individual treatment plans, with a focus on addressing social determinants of health (SDOH).
- **Case Manager:** The behavioral health case manager will work closely with the behavioral health team to support Tepeyac patients with the coordination of internal and external services and individual treatment plans, with a focus on addressing social determinants of health (SDOH).
- **Referral Coordinator:** The behavioral health referral coordinator will manage Tepeyac's behavioral health resources/referral list and will help connect patients to additional behavioral health services in the community, including psychiatric care.

In order to properly monitor and evaluate the project Tepeyac will use evaluation funds to hire an evaluation contractor (contractor to be determined). This contractor will establish metrics and systems to capture previously unanalyzed data, including referral

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connections, mental health outcomes, therapy completion rates, and other relevant parameters. This will enable comprehensive biannual evaluations and set the foundation for long-term improvement initiatives.

The expected measured output and targets for each goal are as follows:

- 1) Year 1, reduce waitlist by 15%. By the end of the grant period have a 30% reduction of the waitlist and have a target of fewer than 85 people on the waitlist at a time.
- 2) Implement group therapy, currently not an available service, during extended hours. Implementation of group therapy and ongoing support for BH services will increase the total number of patients being served to 3,000 by 2026 with 250 of these patients being new patients.
- 3) Achieve a 30% improvement in mental health outcomes after 3 months of treatment, as measured by the reductions in scores on the Generalized Anxiety Disorder-7 (GAD-7), Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9), and increased therapy completion rates determined by clinician assessment. By the end of the grant period 70% of patients will complete therapy sessions as their clinician recommends (graduation or referral for long-term treatment), leading to sustained improvement in mental health and overall well-being.
- 4) By the end of the grant period 40% of referred patients follow through on long-term therapy connections between Q4 2025 and Q4 2026.

Was this contractor selected by competitive process? Yes, this vendor was one of the awardees of DDPHE's RFP #BHS01.
If not, why not?

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

Source of funds: American Rescue Plan Act (APRA)

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

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

Who are the subcontractors to this contract? TBD- evaluator to be selected by vendor

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