

# ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team

at [MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org](mailto:MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org) by **3:00pm on Monday**. Contact the Mayor's Legislative team with questions

Date of Request: 10/28/22

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 with Empowerment Program, Inc., by adding \$403,160 for a new total of \$1,458,138 and one year for a new end date of 6-30-23 to divert people with behavioral health issues into intensive case management in lieu of arrest for low level crimes as part of the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program, citywide (ENVHL-202264538)

## 3. Requesting Agency: Public Health & Environment (DPHE)

## 4. Contact Person:

Contact person with knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution	Contact person to present item at Mayor-Council and Council
Name: Will Fenton & Huyen Doan	Name: Will Fenton and Tien Tong
Email: William.Fenton@denvergov.org	Email: William.Fenton@denvergov.org

## 5. General description or background of proposed request. Attach executive summary if more space needed:

This agreement continues the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program for its fifth year in Denver. The program diverts people with behavioral health issues into intensive case management in lieu of arrest for low level crimes. The Empowerment program is subcontracted to provide the case management services. The program diverts people with behavioral health issues into intensive case management in lieu of arrest for low level crimes. Referrals come through the Denver Police Department at an officer's discretion. The officer conducts a warm hand off with a case manager who provides intensive services from a harm reduction lens. LEAD serves participants who struggle with behavioral health issues and frequently interact with law enforcement. The goal of the program is to reduce harm for those with behavioral health issues and to reduce jail bed days. LEAD operates in collaboration with DPD's District 1, 2, 6, and the Vice Unit. Officers have discretion to divert people with behavioral health issues into services from the following charges: possession of illicit substances, trespassing, shoplifting, and prostitution. Referrals are engaged in intensive case management services including housing assistance, harm reduction practices, substance use treatment, medical treatment, transportation, and the provision of basic necessities.

DDPHE acknowledges that this request extends an agreement that lapsed several months ago. DDPHE and the Department of Safety (DOS) recently completed conversations about the transition of this program to the DOS- a decision that delayed the submission of this request. Finally, the DPDHE Executive Director has approved a final contract extension beyond the five years allowed in Executive Order No. 8 on the basis that the additional period is only 3 months and the contract will be rebid at that time.

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

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7. City Council District: All

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: The Empowerment Program

Contract control number: Existing agreement: ENVHL-202158938; This amendment: ENVHL-202264538-05

Location: The City and County of Denver

Is this a new contract?  Yes  No Is this an Amendment?  Yes  No If yes, how many? 5

Contract Term/Duration (for amended contracts, include existing term dates and amended dates):  
April 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021 to April 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023

Contract Amount (indicate existing amount, amended amount and new contract total): \$1,054,978

<i>Current Contract Amount</i> (A)	<i>Additional Funds</i> (B)	<i>Total Contract Amount</i> (A+B)
\$1,054,978	\$403,160	\$1,458,138

<i>Current Contract Term</i>	<i>Added Time</i>	<i>New Ending Date</i>
4/1/18-6/30/22	One year	6/30/23

**Scope of work:** The Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program is entering its sixth year in Denver. The program diverts people with behavioral health issues into intensive case management in lieu of arrest for low level crimes. Diversions and referrals come through the Denver Police Department at an officer’s discretion, as well as through social agency referrals from other justice partners. The officer conducts a warm hand off with a case manager who provides intensive services from a harm reduction lens. The goal of the program is to improve public safety and reduce harm/risks associated with people with behavioral health needs. Intake and case management for LEAD referrals will be provided by the Empowerment Program.

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

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

Source of funds: State of Colorado- Office of Behavioral Health – LEAD Program

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? None**

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