

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team
at MilHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org by 3:00pm on Monday.

**All fields must be completed.*
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Date of Request: May 23 , 2014

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

Request to approve a contract with Volunteers of America Colorado Branch for the acquisition of 5000 W. Alameda Ave. and soft costs for the construction of an early childhood education center.

3. Requesting Agency: OED/HAND

4. Contact Person: (with actual knowledge of proposed ordinance)

- Name: Jodi Adkins
- Phone: 720-913-1529
- Email: Jodi.adkins@denvergov.org

5. Contact Person: (with actual knowledge of proposed ordinance who will present the item at Mayor-Council and who will be available for first and second reading, if necessary)

- Name: Seneca Holmes
- Phone: 720-913-1533
- Email: Seneca.holmes@denvergov.org

6. General description of proposed ordinance including contract scope of work if applicable:

The proposed ordinance is to contract with Volunteers of America Colorado Branch to acquire land for the construction of an early childhood education center at 5000 W. Alameda Ave. in the Westwood neighborhood.

Please include the following:

- a. Duration: April 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014
- b. Location: 5000 West Alameda Ave., Westwood
- c. Affected Council District: 3
- d. Benefits: To provide a neighborhood center for the enhancement of early childhood education.
- e. Costs: \$620,000 CDBG

7. Is there any controversy surrounding this ordinance? (groups or individuals who may have concerns about it?) Please explain. No known controversy.

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Executive Summary

Volunteers of America (VOA) is a national non-profit, faith-based organization dedicated to helping those in need to rebuild their lives and reach their full potential. They oversee more than 30 human service programs and help support and empower Denver's most vulnerable groups including low-income families and homeless individuals and families. This project provides \$620,000 of CDBG funds for the acquisition and related soft costs associated with the construction of a new early childhood education center in the Westwood neighborhood.

Since 2003, VOA has provided early childhood education (ECE) for extremely low income children ages 3-5 in a church gymnasium at 3440 West Louisiana in the Westwood neighborhood. The current space does not allow service to more than 68 children at a time. Currently VOA has a lengthy waitlist of eligible children. The newly constructed ECE Center will serve 170 low income households with high quality early childhood programs. The new ECE center will also allow VOA to expand services to infants and toddlers in addition to being able to provide before and after school care for nearby residents.

This performance based loan, to be secured by a Deed of Trust on the property, will be forgiven after the term of the loan (7 years) as long as the facility continues to serve low and moderate income persons for those seven years.

Contract amount(s):

\$620,000

Source of funds:

HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), regulation citation: 24 CFR Part 570.201: Eligible Activities. These funds are monitored by OED staff and data collected is reported back to HUD.
Term

April 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014.

Accomplishments

VOA will purchase land for the construction of an Early Childhood Education Center in the Westwood neighborhood within the City and County of Denver.

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