

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

Date of Request: 9/9/20

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.)

Approves the Grant Award Acceptance and Agreement from Caring for Denver to Denver County Court (Grant ID: GR00001615, Award number: AWD-00000970, Jaggaer contract number: COURT-202055864). This request is for approval of grant award acceptance to expand services to the Denver County Court Problem Solving Courts by adding Forensic Peer Navigators to better support individuals involved in the Denver County Court system. Forensic peer support can benefit individuals in every intercept of the Sequential Intercept Model. The goal is to address the potential underlying cause of behavior that brought the individual into the criminal justice system by connecting them to the community supports and services that can best serve them. This approach will keep individuals in the community where their needs are better met and served instead of the criminal justice system.

3. Requesting Agency: Denver County Court

4. Contact Person:

Contact person with knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution	Contact person to present item at Mayor-Council and Council
Name: Kristin Wood	Name: Kristin Wood
Email: kristin.wood@denvercountycourt.org	Email: kristin.wood@denvercountycourt.org

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

Denver County Court submitted a grant application to Caring for Denver to expand services to their existing problem-solving courts by implementing a Forensic Peer Navigator Program. On July 22, 2020, Denver County Court received Notice of Grant Award. On August 26, 2020, Denver County Court and Caring for Denver executed a grant agreement for \$300,000/year for a total of two years with a total grant award of \$600,000. (Grant ID: GR00001615, Award number: AWD-00000970, Jaggaer contract number: COURT-202055864).

Individuals involved in and coming out of the criminal justice system face barriers to reintegration to the community at every turn, including but not limited to, lack of substance misuse and mental health treatment, housing, sparse employment opportunities and abridged access to medical and prenatal care. These impediments and barriers pose serious threats to recovery and success of individuals.

The experience with the criminal justice system impacts an individual's life in many ways and it is best understood by individuals who have experienced it as a consumer. Forensic Peer Navigators will help increase treatment engagement and recovery, help support sense of hope and self-empowerment, improve social functioning and overall quality of life, and decrease hospitalizations.

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

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): Grant Agreement: Public Safety- Alternatives to Jail - Private Grant

Vendor/Contractor Name: Caring for Denver Foundation

Contract control number: Jaggaer Contract Number: COURT-202055864, Caring for Denver Foundation Grant ID#: 202005-00370

Location: Denver City-Wide

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): Two Years

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)
\$600,000	0.00	\$600,000

<i>Current Contract Term</i>	<i>Added Time</i>	<i>New Ending Date</i>
9/1/2020 to 8/31/2022	N/A	N/A

Scope of work:

Denver County Court will hire four Forensic Peer Navigators to better support individuals involved in the Denver County Court system. The peers will be accessible by Denver County Court’s specialty programs and dockets,

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Timeline:

October 2020: Forensic Peer Navigators hired and begin employment.

October 2020: Forensic Peer Navigators and Administration design surveys to measure quality of life outcomes, substance misuse rates.

October 2020: Forensic Peer Navigators begin connecting with individuals involved in the court system
Within one month of program launch have a minimum of 60 individuals connected with a Forensic Peer Navigator.

April 2020: Six month data report due

Goal: Minimum 600 individuals connected with Forensic Peer Navigators by end of first year.

Measurement: Denver County Court will track number of individuals referred to peer, contacted by peer, engaged with peer, types of resources and services individuals choose to engage with. Denver County Court will track demographic and socioeconomic data to ensure equity and inclusion. Denver County Court will administratively track quantitative data and additionally utilize participant surveys and focus groups to track quantitative data to assist in identifying areas of success, challenge, and ways to improve. Surveys to measure outcomes will be developed with Peer Technical Assistance, the Forensic Peer Navigators and Administration. The surveys themselves will be given by a stakeholder other than the peer; however, the peer can support the individual in completing the survey, should the individual desire. These surveys will be used to measure:

- Increase quality of life outcomes, i.e. instillation of hope, decrease in depressive symptoms, employment, increase social networks
- Decrease substance misuse
- Increase recovery planning and linkages to recovery community
- Increase engagement rates and self-advocacy
- Increase connections to community treatment and service providers via warm-connection

Focus groups will be conducted with individuals who have not utilized peers to better understand their needs and with individuals who did receive peer support from Denver County Court to identify areas of success, challenge, and improvement.

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A large portion of the metrics will be tracked via Excel by the Forensic Peer Navigators and Administration.

- Decrease involvement in the criminal justice system - Number cases filed 6 months, 1 year, 2 years, prior and post peer involvement.
- Increase completion rates of programming and/or probation
- Demographic and socioeconomic data to ensure equity and inclusion. This will be compared with the demographic and socioeconomic data of the community and the jails. Collaboration with the Department of Safety.
- Number individuals referred to peer
- Number of individuals contacted by peer - Type of contact: In person, phone, text
- Number of individuals engaged with peer (Engagement = face to face meeting with peer) (various measurements to track # contacts/connections after engagement)
- Types of resources and services served individual chooses to engage with
- Program individual is referred by, i.e. HEM, Probation, Wellness Court, Sobriety Court

Was this contractor selected by competitive process? Denver County Court applied for the grant **If not, why not?**

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

Source of funds: Caring for Denver Foundation

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

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

Who are the subcontractors to this contract? None

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