

# Executive Summary

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Date: September 14, 2020

Re: Denver Left Behind Workers Fund \$1 million Contract Amendment

From: Atim Otii, Director of Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

## **Summary of the Left Behind Workers Fund:**

The Denver fund, Left Behind Workers Fund, gives a \$1000 cash assistance grant to Denver residents who were previously employed and lost such employment due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Recipients must be ineligible for direct federal stimulus payments provided under the CARES Act or any similar successor act and state unemployment benefits. The City of Denver funds of \$750k came in on 7/3/2020 and was fully spent as of 7/28/2020, serving a total 750 Denver residents with this funding. A total of 1900 with the philanthropic and other private donations for an initial total of \$1.75 million investment in this Fund. Impact Charitable continues to serve Denver residents at a rate of 250 applicants per week through their state fund as of 7/28/2020. Outreach efforts consisted of referrals from 311 and 211, in addition to a city-wide system of trusted community-based organizations who partnered with Impact Charitable to do targeted outreach and screening of eligible residents. Future outreach efforts will utilize similar systems but also a centralized online tool for eligible residents to connect directly with Impact Charitable. In terms of the unmet need for direct cash assistance, Impact Charitable estimates that in total, there are around 9,400 workers in Denver that qualify for this grant with just under 20% having been assisted through this Fund.