# Denver Asylum Seeker Program (DASP) Administration & Food Provision Contract

Denver City Council
Safety, Housing, Education and Homelessness Committee
August 14, 2024
10:30 – 12:00 p.m.
Newcomer Program, Denver Human Services



### **Presentation Agenda**

- 1. Review Haven of Hope Contract
- 2. Updates to Agreement
- 3. Question & Answer



### Haven of Hope – Contract #SOCSV-202474739-00 Review

Term: Aug. 1, 2024 - July 31, 2025

Budget Max: \$6,049,292

**Agency: Denver Human Services** 

Fund: Border Crisis Response Fund

Budgeting Status: Included in 2024 approved budget

#### **Contracted Services**

- Administering Denver Asylum Seeker Program (DASP) enrollment
- Creating & Administering DASP waitlist
- Providing DASP newcomer customer service
- Coordinating among DASP partners
- Managing food and personal items provision
- Managing DASP RTD passes, cell phones, and laundry assistance
- Providing existing services to DASP participants & newcomers on waitlist (food, clothing, counseling, etc.)



## Haven of Hope – Contract #SOCSV-202474739-00 Modifications since 7/10/24 Presentation

- Provision of cash assistance via debit cards or other approved assistance mechanism has been eliminated from the agreement.
- Contractor will instead provide culturally responsive food, including fresh and nonperishables, to DASP participants at least twice per month and personal items monthly.
- The decision to eliminate cash assistance via debit cards increased the overall cost of the contract from \$5,789,308 to \$6,049,292. A cost increase of \$259,984 to cover additional food costs and staffing.



### Questions?

