Contract Approval for EXCIS-202265807 High Costs Campaign Vendor Amelie Company

RR23-0270

Approves a contract with Amelie Company for \$1,875,000 and 1 year, with 4 1-year options to extend, to provide strategic planning, creative development, media planning and placement, implementation, and performance tracking and measurement for the City's Youth Marijuana Education and Prevention Campaign, citywide (EXCIS-202265807).



Program Background



The "High Costs"
Campaign is a youth
education campaign
funded by a special
sales tax on retail
marijuana.

The goal of the campaign is to ensure that Denver youth have the **facts** about marijuana so they can make an informed decision not to use underage.

Originally launched in 2017, the initial program contract has expired and a **new contract** has been sought through a competitive RFP process.



Why are we here?

Excise and Licenses is requesting approval of a new contract with Amelie Company to create content for the High Costs youth education campaign.

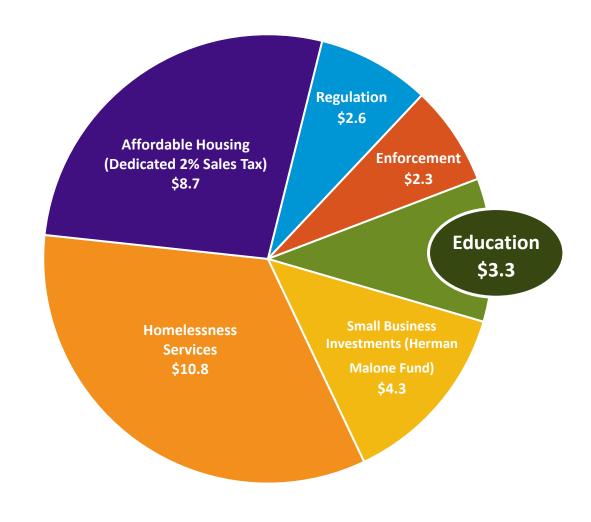
Contract Details

- One-year contract with a city option to renew each of the next four years
- Annual contract amount not to exceed \$375,000
- Total cost of five-year contract if renewed would be \$1.875 million



How is educational programming funded?

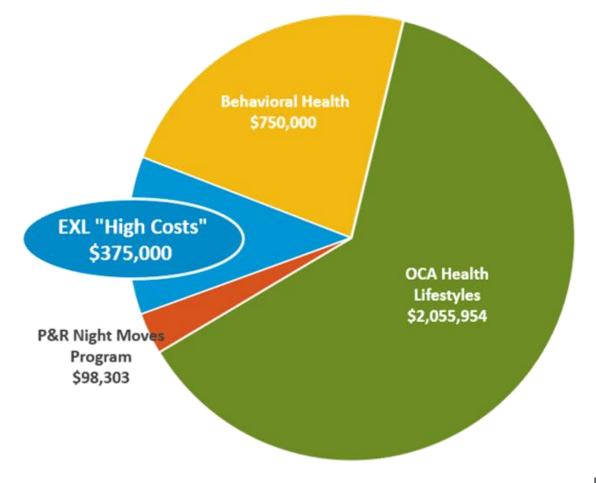
- In November 2013, Denver voters approved a special sales tax on retail marijuana to support the city's regulation, enforcement, and education efforts. The state also collects a special sales tax that is shared with Denver and other local jurisdictions.
- The chart to the right shows the projected City expenditures in 2023 from these special sales taxes.
- Of the total \$31.9 million, \$3.3 million is allocated to education.





What's included in educational programming?

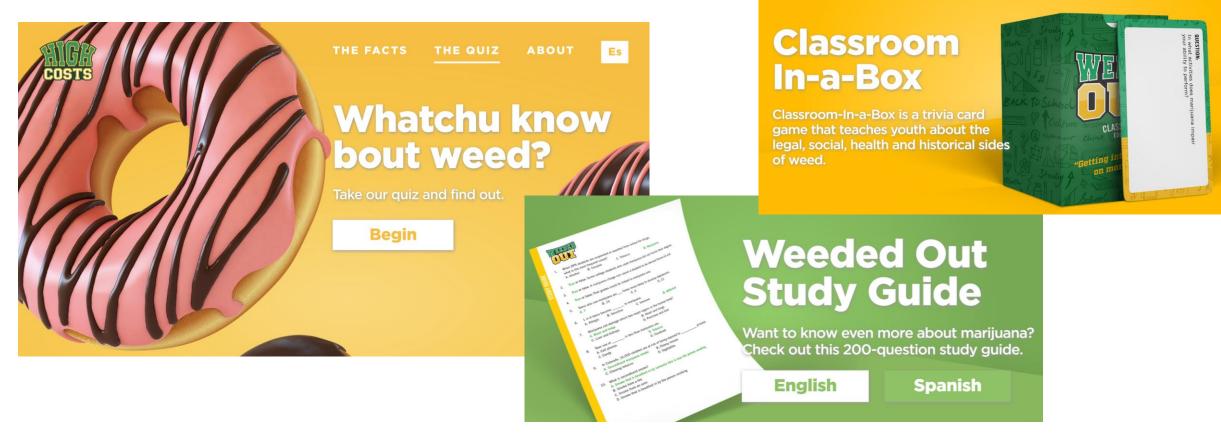
- Of the \$3.3 million allocated to educational programming in 2023, most is spent by the Office of Behavioral Health and the Office of Children's' Affairs on prevention and diversion programming.
- In addition to the \$375,000 for the High Costs Campaign, Excise and Licenses also focuses on education through our mass media efforts to educate the industry and the general public.







High Costs: An Overview





Content is available in English and Spanish



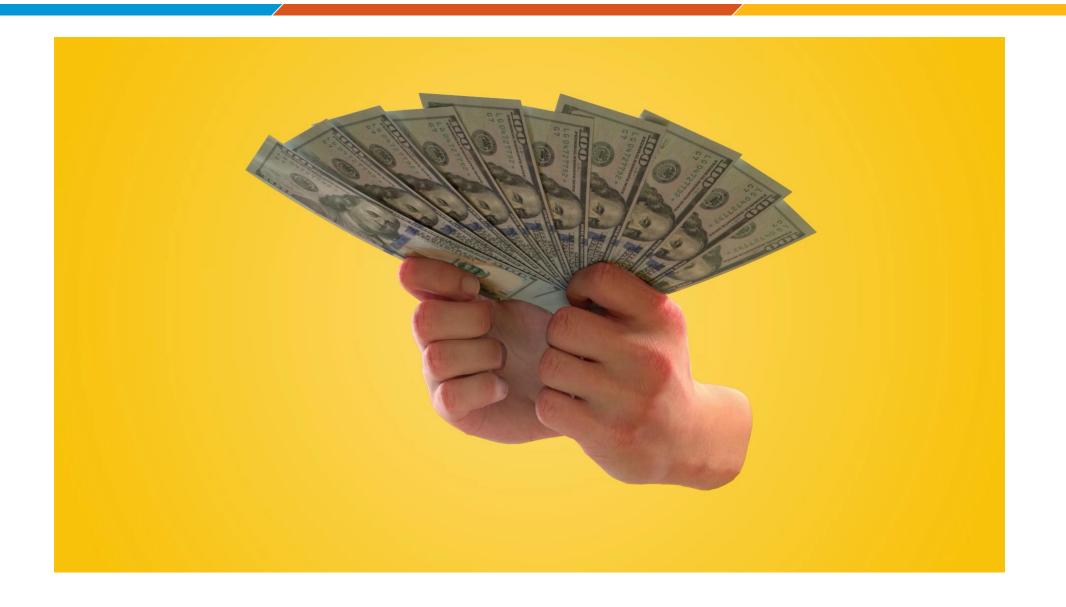


Lo que está pasando:

La marihuana es legal en Colorado, lo que significa que los adultos mayores de 21 años pueden consumirla de manera resposable. Pero, aun así, sigue siendo ilegal para ti. ¿Por qué? A medida que se realizan investigaciones y estudios, más información sobre marihuana y sus efectos ha revelado los costos altos del consumo por parte de menores de edad.











Campaign Performance To-Date

December 15, 2017 - December 31, 2022

- Over **195 million paid media impressions** through digital video, mobile gaming apps, digital radio, social media, billboards, posters, and out-of-home school bus placements.
- Over **65.5 million earned media impressions** through **165** news story placements and pick-ups, generating a publicity value of over \$4 million. In 2018, High Costs and the Weeded Out game show were featured on CBS This Morning.
- 3,800 campaign flyers, 800 posters and 50 classroom-in-a-box sets have been distributed to Denver Public Schools. A 2019 partnership with Elitch Gardens resulted in just under 2 million impressions, and in 2020 High Costs partnered with TEDxMileHigh for a "High Costs Adventures" series that resulted in over 265K impressions.
- Since the campaign launch in December 2017, High Costs paid media, social media, PR, activation, and web impressions have totaled over **261 million**.





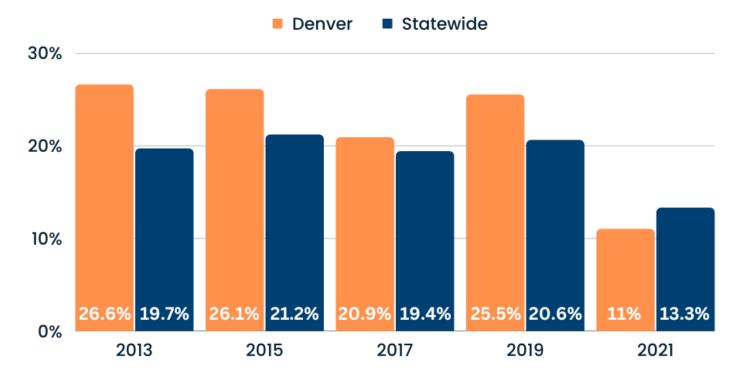
2019 Post-Campaign Survey

- Among teens aware of the campaign, 81% indicated that the 'High Costs' campaign discouraged them from using marijuana.
- 74% of teens who saw the online posts engaged with them by liking, sharing or talking about them with friends.
- The majority of teens agree that the High Costs campaign has a clear message, is educational, trustworthy and likeable.



STUDENTS REPORTING USING MARIJUANA ONE OR MORE TIMES PAST 30 DAYS

Biannual Healthy Kids Colorado Survey



High school students who responded to survey





2023 Campaign Continuation

- Continue to increase awareness and knowledge in Denver youth 12-18 of accurate marijuana laws and health impacts associated with underage use.
- Refresh the campaign to continue to be relevant and connect with youth;
 particularly middle school age and priority populations at a higher risk.
- Create new content to address the facts and health risks associated with a variety of new and emerging types of use, such as vaping or dabbing.
- Update campaign to address social factors and continued stress and emotional concerns brought to bear by COVID that could lead to underage use.





2023 Campaign Activities

- Campaign support through account planning and strategy, project management, and creative development
- Social media planning and strategy, optimization and moderation
- Media coverage monitoring and tracking as PR support
- Media planning, optimization, and media buys for 2023
- Campaign reporting on a flight-by-flight basis, as well as comprehensive mid- and post-campaign reports



Questions?

