

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team

at MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org by **9:00am on Friday**. Contact the Mayor's Legislative team with questions

Date of Request: 11/7/2023

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 a grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) to receive \$6,401,835 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and through 09-01-2030 to provide funding for services and projects supporting neighborhood and business development programs for the 2023 program year.

3. Requesting Agency: Denver Economic Development & Opportunity

4. Contact Person:

Contact person with knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution	Contact person to present item at Mayor-Council and Council
Name: Doug Selbee	Mayor-Council: Patrick Walton Email: patrick.walton@denvergov.org
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5. General description or background of proposed request. Attach executive summary if more space needed:

See Executive Summary.

6. City Attorney assigned to this request (if applicable): Brian Martin

7. City Council District: Citywide

8. **For all contracts, fill out and submit accompanying Key Contract Terms worksheet**

To be completed by Mayor's Legislative Team:

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Key Contract Terms

Type of Contract: (e.g. Professional Services > \$500K; IGA/Grant Agreement, Sale or Lease of Real Property):

Grant Agreement

Vendor/Contractor Name: U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

Contract control number: OEDEV-202371117

Location: Citywide

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):

January 1, 2023 – September 1, 2030

Contract Amount (indicate existing amount, amended amount and new contract total):

<i>Current Contract Amount</i> (A)	<i>Additional Funds</i> (B)	<i>Total Contract Amount</i> (A+B)
\$6,401,835	N/A	\$6,401,835

<i>Current Contract Term</i>	<i>Added Time</i>	<i>New Ending Date</i>
Jan. 1, 2023 – Sept. 1, 2030	N/A	N/A

Scope of work:

To execute FY 2023 grant agreement for US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. CDBG assists urban, suburban, and rural communities to improve housing and living conditions and expand economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons.

Was this contractor selected by competitive process? N/A **If not, why not?**

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

Source of funds:

Community Development Block Grant, authorized under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended; [42 U.S.C.-530.1](#) et seq.

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

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

Who are the subcontractors to this contract? N/A

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Executive Summary

The Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program was enacted in 1974 to provide block grant funding for community development. CDBG assists urban, suburban, and rural communities to improve housing and living conditions and expand economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons.

Counties use the flexibility of CDBG funds to collaborate with private and nonprofit sector partners to develop and upgrade local housing, water, infrastructure, and human services programs. CDBG also helps to create jobs through the expansion and retention of businesses and is an important tool for helping local governments tackle serious challenges facing their communities. Counties rely on CDBG allocation to meet critical community development needs.

Nationwide, CDBG provides annual grants on a formula basis to nearly 1,200 metro and county governments in addition to states.

Across the country, these “local entitlement cities and counties” receive about 70 percent of CDBG funds, and states receive the remaining 30 percent. HUD determines the amount of each grant by using a formula including community need, poverty rates, population growth or lag measured in relationship to other metro areas, and housing issues, including the age of housing stock.

Here in Denver, CDBG funds are administered through Denver Economic Development & Opportunity (DEDO) for various neighborhood development projects such as public facilities or community improvements, and gap financing for small businesses, while Denver’s Department of Housing Stability (HOST) administers CDBG funds for affordable housing-related projects and programs. Each agency issues a Notice of Fund Availability (NOFA), conducts pre-proposal briefings, reviews proposals, and announces the awardees, typically on an annual basis.

NOFA applications are evaluated and scored by DEDO and HOST staff, other city agency staff, and community members. Community reviewers are chosen based on their knowledge and experience in the program areas (housing, neighborhood development, and business development). Awardees are selected based on their ability to achieve measurable outcomes supporting Mayor Johnston’s priorities as well as the city’s strategic plans for housing, community, and business investments. Evaluation criteria also scores each applicant’s project plan, organizational capacity, financial capacity, and prior performance when applicable.

CDBG funds also help leverage many programs and projects funded by city sources. Most development projects are funded through loans, helping to generate future program income from interest income for the city’s reinvestment into additional projects and programs.

DEDO typically receives CDBG HUD funds in the Fall of the same program year. Below is the ten-year summary of Denver’s CDBG allocations:

Program	Program Year	Authorized Amount
CDBG	2013	\$7,170,263
CDBG	2014	\$6,859,983
CDBG	2015	\$6,687,320
CDBG	2016	\$6,531,090
CDBG	2017	\$6,602,257
CDBG	2018	\$6,859,369
CDBG	2019	\$6,796,880
CDBG	2020	\$6,821,276
CDBG	2021	\$6,740,253
CDBG	2022	\$6,685,254
CDBG	2023	\$6,401,835

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