

# OED ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Date of Request: 6/18/18

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: Extends an existing performance grant between the City and County of Denver and the Colorado Health Network dba Denver Colorado AIDS Project, adjusting from a 6-month to a 12-month term, and reflecting an additional \$667,787 from its federal allocation of HUD/Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA) funds for direct program expenses and eligible supportive services.

3. Requesting Agency: Office of Economic Development

4. Contact Person:

Contact person with knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution	Contact person to present item at Mayor-Council and Council
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5. General a text description or background of the proposed request, if not included as an executive summary.

See Executive Summary

6. City Attorney assigned to this request (if applicable): Julie Mecklenburg

7. City Council District: Citywide

**\*\*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):**  
Professional services

**Vendor/Contractor Name:** Colorado Health Network, Inc. dba Denver Colorado AIDS Project (DCAP)

**Contract control number:** OEDEV:201839154-00

**Location:** 6260 East Colfax Avenue, Denver Colorado 80220-1515

Is this a new contract?  Yes  No    Is this an Amendment?  Yes  No    If yes, how many? This is the first.

**Contract Term/Duration (for amended contracts, include existing term dates and amended dates), and 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>
<i>(A)</i>	<i>(B)</i>	<i>(A+B)</i>
\$667,788	\$667,787	\$1,335,575

  

<i>Current Contract Term</i>	<i>Added Time</i>	<i>New Ending Date</i>
1/1/2018 - 6/30/2018	Six months	12/31/2018

**Contract duration:** In a break from its usual practice, OED did not issue a new Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for HUD dollars in mid-2017 for projects to take place during 2018. OED was unsure at that time of the federal funding climate and opted, at the end of 2017, to extend the majority of its existing HUD-funded projects in a six-month extension. This particular contract amendment will extend the current, six-month funding period with the Colorado Health Network into a more customary 12-month period. City Council recently approved the six-month funding for this contractor, for the period from 1/1/18 through 6/30/18. Today Denver’s federal allotments from HUD are in and we are expecting to re-establish the annual sequence of a NOFA in late summer 2018 for projects to take place during 2019.

**Scope of work:** The participant population to be served consists of low-income people living with HIV/AIDS who need assistance with maintaining long-term, stable, permanent housing. Assistance may be provided after review of the participant’s eligibility and other requirements.

Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA): The TBRA Program will provide housing assistance to eligible households. TBRA meets the needs of participants by subsidizing the difference between total rent and the monthly tenant rent (based on Tenant Rent Calculation Worksheet or other approved form), to be calculated and tracked by staff at Denver Colorado AIDS Project (DCAP), or the referring agency, and paid out by DCAP.

Short Term Rent Mortgage Utility Assistance (STRMU): The STRMU Program will provide housing assistance to eligible households for up to \$1,200 and/or 21 weeks of assistance in a 52-week period. This program is designed to prevent homelessness by assisting to retain long-term, stable, permanent housing options for households that might otherwise lose their housing. This program provides STRMU in the form of eviction/foreclosure prevention.

Supportive Services: Collaboration with other case management services offered through DCAP such as referrals to healthcare, support around adherence to healthcare and treatment, referrals to mental health and substance abuse counseling, referrals to support groups and psycho-educational workshops, housing resources and referrals, and vocational assistance. The services are targeted to participants that live in HOPWA-supported, Section 8, and other privately owned housing. Case managers assigned directly to participants will help to ensure that they maintain a stable housing environment. The case managers will work closely with landlords and developers as well as the participants so that they remain in their homes as long as possible. Participants will have access to referrals for substance abuse and mental health treatment counseling, if they have a need for those services.

Permanent Housing Placement: The Permanent Housing Placement Program will provide deposit/move-in assistance to eligible participants.

**Was this contractor selected by competitive process?** Yes. As noted above, this is an extension of a contract originally awarded through the 2017 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) released by OED.

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

**Source of funds:** Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) – from HUD

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

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

**Who are the subcontractors to this contract?**

Rocky Mountain Cares

Empowerment Program

It Takes a Village Colorado

Servicios de la Raza

Sisters of Color United for Education

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Per direction from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA) funds are used for a wide range of housing, social services, program planning, and development costs. These may include the acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction of housing units; costs for facility operations; rental assistance; and short-term payments to prevent homelessness.

An essential component in providing housing assistance for this targeted special needs population is the coordination and delivery of support services. Thus HOPWA funds also may be used for assessment and case management, substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, nutritional services, job training and placement assistance, and assistance with daily living.

Low-income persons at or below 80% AMI that are medically diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and their families are eligible to receive HOPWA-funded assistance. Denver contracts with public and nonprofit providers to deliver HOPWA-funded services, including the Colorado Health Network. Last year, Colorado Health Network and its community-based subcontractors served 99 households with Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, 113 households with Short-term Rent Mortgage Utility Assistance (STRMU) and 146 households with Permanent Housing Placement (PHP). Of those served, all were at or below 30% AMI and/or people experiencing homelessness. In addition, OED's funds were used to leverage an additional \$2,326,935.

HOPWA funds fulfill the goal of the city's annual Action Plan and five-year Comprehensive Housing Plan by helping households stay in their existing housing through rental, mortgage, and utility assistance as well as supportive services. Furthermore, the Permanent Housing Placement program helps people access affordable rental housing by providing deposit/move-in assistance to eligible participants. Finally, most of the individuals utilizing these funds are at or below 30% AMI and/or people experiencing homelessness. The five-year comprehensive housing plan has a goal of "40 to 50% of housing resources [be] invested to serve residents earning below 30% of Area Median Income (AMI) and those experiencing homelessness who are seeking to access or maintain rental housing."