



DENVER CITY COUNCIL

Safety, Housing, Education & Homelessness Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, October 9, 2024, 10:30 AM

Chair: Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez, Vice Chair: Chris Hinds

Members: Kevin Flynn, Stacie Gilmore, Amanda P. Sandoval, Amanda Sawyer, Jamie Torres

Staff: Anne Wallace

Attendance

Present: 9 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval, Kashmann, Romero Campbell, Watson

Absent: 1 - Torres

Action Items

[24-1272](#)

Approves a grant agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Denver for \$1,100,000.05 and a term of 8-01-2024 through 7-31-2027 to provide healthy food access and food boxed in several locations, as funded by the city's Healthy Food for Denver's Kids Initiative, in Council District 2, 3, 8, 9 and 11 (ENVHL-202474848-00).

A motion offered by Council member Sawyer, duly seconded by Vice Chair Hinds, that Council Resolution 24-1272 be approved for filing in a block, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Torres

[24-1273](#)

Amends a grant agreement with Bright Beginnings doing business as Bright by Text, adding \$204,578 for a new total of \$545,578 and one year for a new ending date of 7-31-2025, to continue to provide communications and information to the public about healthy food access and nutrition education as funded by the Healthy Food for Denver's Kids Initiative, citywide (ENVHL-202474403-01/ENVHL202263892-00).

A motion offered by Council member Sawyer, duly seconded by Vice Chair Hinds, that Council Resolution 24-1273 be approved for filing in a block, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Torres

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[24-1274](#) Amends a grant agreement with Clayton Early Learning by adding \$710,609.99 for a new total of \$1,891,718.16 and one year for a new ending date of 7-31-2025 to continue serving healthy, high-quality food to the community through the funding provided by Healthy Food for Denver's Kids Initiative, in Council District 9 (ENVHL-202474402-02/ENVHL202472126-01/ENVHL202263787-00)

A motion offered by Council member Sawyer, duly seconded by Vice Chair Hinds, that Council Resolution 24-1274 be approved for filing in a block, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Torres

[24-1275](#) Approves a contract with the Colorado League of Charter Schools for \$540,020.39 and for a term of 8-01-2024 through 7-31-2027, to provide upgrades to charter school kitchens for increased school meal participation as funded by the Healthy Food for Denver's Kids Initiative, citywide (ENVHL-202475016-00).

A motion offered by Council member Sawyer, duly seconded by Vice Chair Hinds, that Council Resolution 24-1275 be approved for filing in a block, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Torres

[24-1276](#) Approves a grant agreement with Commún Denver, Inc. for \$1,100,000 and a term of 8-01-2024 through 7-31-2027, to provide reliable healthy food access and food-based education for Denver's children through food and garden programming, as funded by Healthy Food for Denver's Kids Initiative, citywide (ENVHL-202474850-00).

A motion offered by Council member Sawyer, duly seconded by Vice Chair Hinds, that Council Resolution 24-1276 be approved for filing in a block, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Torres

[24-1277](#) Amends a grant agreement with Denver Health and Hospital Authority by adding 8 months for a new ending date of 5/31/2025 and no change to

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agreement amount, for enrolling patients in and providing Women, Infant and Children (WIC) services during pediatric and OB/GYN appointments at several Denver Health outpatient clinic locations including Eastside, Montbello, Westside, Webb Pediatrics, and Pena Clinic, as funded by Healthy Food for Denver's Kids Initiative, citywide (ENVHL-202475074-03/202159936-00).

A motion offered by Council member Sawyer, duly seconded by Vice Chair Hinds, that Council Bill 24-1277 be approved for filing in a block, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Torres

[24-1278](#)

Approves a grant agreement with The Denver Inner City Paris, Inc., for \$1,099,991.39 and a term of 8-1-2027 through 7-31-2027, to provide reliable healthy food access and food-based education for Denver's children through the Hunger and Food Security programs, as funded by the Healthy Food for Denver's Kids Initiative, citywide (ENVHL-2024747845-00).

A motion offered by Council member Sawyer, duly seconded by Vice Chair Hinds, that Council Resolution 24-1278 be approved for filing in a block, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Torres

[24-1279](#)

Approves a grant agreement with School District No.1 In The City and County Of Denver And The State Of Colorado for \$958,668 and a term of 8-01-2024 through 7-31-2027, to provide reliable healthy food access and food-based education for Denver's children at Bruce Randolph school, as funded by Healthy Food for Denver's Kids Initiative, in Council District 9 (ENVHL-202475621-00).

A motion offered by Council member Sawyer, duly seconded by Vice Chair Hinds, that Council Bill 24-1279 be approved for filing in a block, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Torres

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[24-1280](#) Approves a grant agreement with EKAR for \$918,849.80 and a term of 8-01-2024 through 7-31-2027, to provide reliable healthy food access through Ekar's Farm and food-based education for Denver's children, as funded by the Healthy Food for Denver's Kids Initiative, serving Districts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 (ENVHL-202474849-00).

A motion offered by Council member Sawyer, duly seconded by Vice Chair Hinds, that Council Resolution 24-1280 be approved for filing in a block, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Torres

[24-1281](#) Amends a grant agreement with Focus Point Family Resources Center by adding \$292,485 for a new total of \$545,578 and one year for a new ending date of 7-31-2025 to continue to provide food access by supporting the Huerta Urbana 2Gen Farm Incubator as funded by the Healthy Food for Denver's Kids Initiative, citywide (ENVHL-202474400-01/ENVHL-202263674-00).

A motion offered by Council member Sawyer, duly seconded by Vice Chair Hinds, that Council Resolution 24-1281 be approved for filing in a block, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 3 - Kashmann, Romero Campbell, Watson

Absent: 1 - Torres

[24-1282](#) Amends a grant agreement with Frontline Farming by adding \$330,088 for a new total of \$847,145.48 and one year for a new ending date of 7-31-2025 to continue to provide nutritious food and food-based education as funded by the Healthy Food for Denver's Kids Initiative, citywide (ENVHL-202474401-01/ENVHL-202263811-00).

A motion offered by Council member Sawyer, duly seconded by Vice Chair Hinds, that Council Resolution 24-1282 be approved for filing in a block, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Torres

[24-1283](#) Approves a grant agreement with Jovial Concepts, Inc. for \$669,288.47 and a term of 8-1-2024 through 7-31-2027 to provide reliable healthy food

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access and food-based education for Denver's children, as funded by the Healthy Food for Denver's Kids Initiative, in Council District 3 and 7 (ENVHL-202474844-00).

A motion offered by Council member Sawyer, duly seconded by Vice Chair Hinds, that Council Resolution 24-1283 be approved for filing in a block, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Torres

[24-1284](#)

Amends a grant agreement with Lifespan Local LLC by adding \$677,522.51 for a new total of \$1,595,810.51 and one year for a new ending date of 7-31-2025 to continue to provide nutritious food and food-based education as funded by the Healthy Food for Denver's Kids Initiative, in Council District 3 (ENVHL-202474404-01/ENVHL-202263672-00).

A motion offered by Council member Sawyer, duly seconded by Vice Chair Hinds, that Council Resolution 24-1284 be approved for filing in a block, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Torres

[24-1285](#)

Amends a grant agreement with Metro Caring by adding \$577,837.51 for a new total of \$1,201,724.51 and one year for a new ending date of 7-31-2025 to continue to provide nutritious food to children throughout Denver as funded by the Healthy Food for Denver's Kids Initiative, citywide (ENVHL-202474405-02/ENVHL-202263673-00).

A motion offered by Council member Sawyer, duly seconded by Vice Chair Hinds, that Council Resolution 24-1285 be approved for filing in a block, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Torres

[24-1286](#)

Amends a grant agreement with Mile High Squash, doing business as Mile High 360, to change the scope of work to lessen the frequency of the food box distribution while continuing to provide students aged 18-years and younger, daily access to nutritious and culturally responsive food, food

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systems such as gardens and education around healthy eating, in Council District 3. No change to contract amount or duration (ENVHL-202368596-00/ENVHL-202475541-01).

A motion offered by Council member Sawyer, duly seconded by Vice Chair Hinds, that Council Resolution 24-1286 be approved for filing in a block, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 3 - Kashmann, Romero Campbell, Watson

Absent: 1 - Torres

[24-1287](#)

Approves a grant agreement with Montbello Organizing Committee for \$1,099,989 and a term of 8-01-2024 through 7-31-2027 to partner with low income Montbello youth and their families to provide educational programs about food and food boxes and meals as funded by the Healthy Food for Denver's Kids Initiative, in Council District 9 (ENVHL-202474858-00).

A motion offered by Council member Sawyer, duly seconded by Vice Chair Hinds, that Council Resolution 24-1287 be approved for filing in a block, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Torres

[24-1288](#)

Amends a grant agreement with the REGENTS OF UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO by adding one year and \$291,289.28 for a new total of \$759,081.50 and a new ending date of 7-31-2025 to increase their offerings of serving healthy, high-quality food to the community through funding provided by Healthy Food for Denver's Kids Initiative, in Council District 10 (ENVHL-202474406-01/ENVHL-202263836-00).

A motion offered by Council member Sawyer, duly seconded by Vice Chair Hinds, that Council Resolution 24-1288 be approved for filing in a block, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Torres

[24-1289](#)

Approves a grant agreement with Sewall Child Development Center, Inc., for \$1,059,797.20 and a term of 8-1-2024 through 7-31-2027 to serve early childhood education students with food access and food-based education as funded by the city's Healthy Food for Denver's Kids Initiative, in Council

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Districts 8, 9, 10 and 11 (ENVHL-202474859-00).

A motion offered by Council member Sawyer, duly seconded by Vice Chair Hinds, that Council Resolution 24-1289 be approved for filing in a block, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Torres

[24-1290](#)

Approves a grant agreement with Spirit of the Sun, Inc., for \$968,000.07 and a term of 8-1-2024 through 7-31-2027, to provide healthy food access and food-based education in their garden programs, as funded by Healthy Food for Denver's Kids Initiative, in Council Districts 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 (ENVHL-202474857).

A motion offered by Council member Sawyer, duly seconded by Vice Chair Hinds, that Council Resolution 24-1290 be approved for filing in a block, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Torres

[24-1291](#)

Approves a grant agreement with Urban Peak Denver for \$905,503.50 and a term of 8-1-2024 through 7-31-2027, to provide healthy food access and food-based education in their food preparation skills courses, as funded by Healthy Food for Denver's Kids Initiative, in Council District 7 (ENVHL-202474860-00).

A motion offered by Council member Sawyer, duly seconded by Vice Chair Hinds, that Council Resolution 24-1291 be approved for filing in a block, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Torres

[24-1292](#)

Approves a grant agreement with Urban Symbiosis for \$687,697.40 and a term of 8-1-2024 through 7-31-2027, to provide healthy food access and food-based education in their garden programs, as funded by the Healthy Food for Denver's Kids Initiative, in Council District 1 (ENVHL-202475212-00).

A motion offered by Council member Sawyer, duly seconded by Vice Chair Hinds, that Council Resolution 24-1292 be approved for filing in a block, carried

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by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Torres

[24-1293](#)

Approves a grant agreement with School District No.1 In The City And County of Denver And The State Of Colorado (Vista Academy) for \$1,099,472.20 and a term of 8-1-2024 through 7-31-2027, to provide reliable healthy food access and food-based education, as funded by the Healthy Food for Denver's Kids Initiative, in Council Districts 8 and 11 (ENVHL-202474846-00).

A motion offered by Council member Sawyer, duly seconded by Vice Chair Hinds, that Council Bill 24-1293 be approved for filing in a block, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Torres

[24-1294](#)

Amends a grant agreement with WeeCycle by adding \$428,646.24 for a new total of \$1,011,705.44 and one year for a new ending date of 7-31-2025, to continue providing nutritious food and infant formula as funded by the Healthy Food for Denver's Kids Initiative, citywide (ENVHL-202474427-02/202263660-00).

A motion offered by Council member Sawyer, duly seconded by Vice Chair Hinds, that Council Resolution 24-1294 be approved for filing in a block, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Torres

[24-1306](#)

Approves a grant agreement with Caring for Denver Foundation for \$1,530,845 and a term of 8-01-2024 through 7-31-2025 to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the STAR program by enhancing the wraparound care network, citywide (ENVHL-202475350).

A motion offered by Council member Flynn, duly seconded by Council member Sawyer, that Council Resolution 24-1306 be approved for filing, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

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Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Torres

Abstain: 1 - Gonzales-Gutierrez

Consent Items

Block Vote

Block Vote

A motion offered to approve the following items en bloc, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Torres

[24-1305](#)

Approves an intergovernmental agreement with Denver Health and Hospital Authority (DHHA) for \$999,900 and for a term 9-30-2024 through 9-30-2026 to help coordinate care for persons experiencing homelessness and making direct connections to the Roads to Recovery project, citywide.

A motion offered that Council Bill 24-1305 be approved by consent en bloc, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Torres

[24-1316](#)

Amends a contract with The Community Firm, doing business as Community Economic Defense Project by adding \$3,467,336.30 for a new total of \$17,509,619.30 and 90 days for a new ending date of 3-31-2025 to serve an estimated additional 218 households with a continuation of Temporary Rental and Utility Assistance program, citywide (HOST-202476021-02/HOST-202371132).

A motion offered that Council Resolution 24-1316 be approved by consent en bloc, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Torres

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[24-1317](#) Approves a contract with Boulder Housing Coalition or \$1,020,000 and one year after closing date to support the acquisition of a large single-family residence to create 19 income-restricted Single Room Occupancy units to be leased at rents affordable to qualifying households, in Council District 10 (HOST-202476086).

A motion offered that Council Bill 24-1317 be approved by consent en bloc, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Torres

[24-1318](#) Amends a contract with Brothers Redevelopment, Inc., by adding \$1,000,000 in Affordable Housing Funds for a new total of \$8,826,342 and 3 months for a new ending date of 3-31-2025 to provide rental and utility assistance to eligible households, citywide (HOST-202476020-02/HOST-202371122).

A motion offered that Council Resolution 24-1318 be approved by consent en bloc, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Torres

[24-1319](#) Amends a contract with The St. Francis Center (SFC) to provide \$530,998 for a new total of \$4,791,998 to support day shelter operations and programming for people experiencing homelessness, citywide. No change to contract duration (HOST-202476084-02/HOST-202057238).

A motion offered that Council Resolution 24-1319 be approved by consent en bloc, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Torres

[24-1320](#) Approves a contract with The Community Firm, doing business as Community Economic Defense Project (CEDP) for \$1,980,00 and through 6-30-2025 to provide tenancy support services for 165 state housing voucher recipients, citywide (HOST-202475818).

A motion offered that Council Resolution 24-1320 be approved by consent en bloc, carried by the following vote:

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Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Torres

[24-1323](#)

Amends an intergovernmental agreement with Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) by adding one year for a new ending date of 6-30-2025 to continue receiving incentive payments from HCPF by providing Medicaid eligibility-related work within the City and County of Denver, citywide (SOCSV-202263930-04/SOCSV-202263930-00).

A motion offered that Council Bill 24-1323 be approved by consent en bloc, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Torres