



## Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** A resolution approving a proposed Fourth Amendatory Agreement between the City and County of Denver and The Empowerment Program, Inc. to divert people with behavioral health issues into intensive case management in lieu of arrest for low level crimes as part of the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program, citywide.  
Amends a contract with Empowerment Program, Inc. by adding \$382,152 for a new total of \$1,054,978 and one year for a new end date of 6-30-22 to divert people with behavioral health issues into intensive case management in lieu of arrest for low level crimes as part of the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program, citywide (ENVHL-202158938). The last regularly scheduled Council meeting within the 30-day review period is on 8-23-21. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 7-21-21.

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### Contract Request Template (Contracts; IGAs; Leases)

**Date Submitted:** 7-8-21

**Requesting Agency:** Department of Public Health and Environment  
**Division:**

**Subject Matter Expert Name:**

Name: Will Fenton and Kevin Kelly
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**Item Title & Description:**

*(Do not delete the following instructions)*

*These appear on the Council meeting agenda. Initially, the requesting agency will enter a 2-3 sentence description. Upon bill filling, the City Attorney's Office should enter the title above the description (the title*

should be in **bold** font).

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**Affected Council District(s) or citywide?** Citywide

**Contract Control Number:** ENVHL-202158938

**Vendor/Contractor Name (including any "DBA"):** The Empowerment Program, Inc

**Type and Scope of services to be performed:**

This resolution replaces a previous request and includes an additional \$17,152 towards the proposed, added amount.

To continue the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program for its fourth year in Denver. The program diverts people with behavioral health issues into intensive case management in lieu of arrest for low level crimes. The Empowerment program is subcontracted to provide the case management services. The program diverts people with behavioral health issues into intensive case management in lieu of arrest for low level crimes. Referrals come through the Denver Police Department at an officer's discretion. The officer conducts a warm hand off with a case manager who provides intensive services from a harm reduction lens. LEAD serves participants who struggle with behavioral health issues and frequently interact with law enforcement. The goal of the program is to reduce harm for those with behavioral health issues and to reduce jail bed days. LEAD operates in collaboration with DPD's District 1, 2, 6, and the Vice Unit. Officers have discretion to divert people with behavioral health issues into services from the following charges: possession of illicit substances, trespassing, shoplifting, and prostitution. Referrals are engaged in intensive case management services including housing assistance, harm reduction practices, substance use treatment, medical treatment, transportation, and the provision of basic necessities.

**Location (if applicable):**

**WBE/MBE/DBE goals that were applied, if applicable (construction, design, Airport concession contracts):**

**Are WBE/MBE/DBE goals met (if applicable)?**

**Is the contract new/a renewal/extension or amendment?**

**Was this contractor selected by competitive process or sole source?**

Competitive process

**For New contracts**

**Term of initial contract:**

**Options for Renewal:**

**How many renewals (i.e. up to 2 renewals)?**

**Term of any renewals (i.e. 1 year each):**

**Cost of initial contract term:**

**Cost of any renewals:**

**Total contract value council is approving if all renewals exercised:**

**For Amendments/Renewals Extensions:**

**Is this a change to cost/pricing; length of term; terms unrelated to time or price (List all that apply)?**

***If length changing***

**What was the length of the term of the original contract?**

4/1/18-6/30/21

**What is the length of the extension/renewal?**

1 year

**What is the revised total term of the contract?**

4/1/18-6/30/22

***If cost changing***

**What was the original value of the entire contract prior to this proposed change?**

\$672,826

**What is the value of the proposed change?**

\$382,152

**What is the new/revised total value including change?**

\$1,054,978

***If terms changing***

**Describe the change and the reason for it (i.e. compliance with state law, different way of doing business etc.)**