



Legislation Text

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

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**Requesting Agency: Denver Parks and Recreation  
Division:**

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**Item Title & Description:**

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**A resolution approving a proposed Agreement between the City and County of Denver and Denver Urban Gardens for a cooperative agreement to operate and manage community gardens within Denver Parks, citywide.**

Approves a cooperative agreement with Denver Urban Gardens (DUG) for 5-years to operate and manage community gardens within Denver Parks, citywide (202159010). The last regularly scheduled Council meeting within the 30-day review period is on 6-27-22. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 5-31-22.

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

**Contract Control Number: 202159010**

**Vendor/Contractor Name (including any "DBA"): Denver Urban Gardens**

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

Denver Urban Gardens (DUG) will provide operational management of up to 10 community gardens in Denver parks. In addition to operating and maintaining gardens, DUG prioritizes education and resources to cultivate gardeners which supports communities as they develop gardening skills and self-sufficiency by growing their own food. The community gardens located in parks promote the Department of Parks and Recreation's goals, through *Game Plan for a Healthy City*, which among other aspirations, strives to work more closely with local community organizations to enhance programmatic value and resident service.

DUG will manage, operate, and maintain community gardens in Denver parks by engaging the community, organizing and training volunteers, and overseeing administrative tasks. DUG maintains ten community gardens on City and County of Denver property, with the newest addition of 28 plots at Commons Park. In addition to building and maintaining gardens, DUG prioritizes education and resources to cultivate gardeners which supports communities as they develop gardening skills and self-sufficiency by growing food for themselves, friends, family, and more through produce donations. In DUG's current strategic plan, as well as DPR's Game Plan for a Health City, there is an emphasis on equity and providing all communities access to healthy food. Through programming, the DUG model allows for authentic community engagement that nurtures neighborhood connections, stewardship, nutritional education, and food access all while activating park space.

**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? New**

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

DUG has successfully operated community gardens at various sites within Denver for the benefit and use of the surrounding communities for decades. Over the years of successfully engaging communities, DUG has significantly invested capital in improvements to the community gardens. Through DUG's ability to effectively engage the community, DUG is uniquely qualified in designing, operating and managing community gardens. DPR does not have the resources alone to effectively operate, manage, or maintain existing community gardens without DUG's support.

**For New contracts**

**Term of initial contract: 5 years**

**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: \$0**

**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?**

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

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

***If cost changing***

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

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

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

***If terms changing***

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