



Legislation Text

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Contract Request Template (Contracts; IGAs; Leases)

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A resolution approving a proposed Agreement between the City and County of Denver and Northeast Denver Housing Center, Inc. to administer the Temporary Rental and Utility Assistance (TRUA) Program to help stabilize income-qualified Denver renters.

Approves a contract with Northeast Denver Housing Center for \$1,000,000 and for one year to administer the city's Temporary Rent/Utility Assistance (TRUA) program to help prevent displacement by assisting low- and moderate-income residents experiencing a housing crisis to maintain stability while obtaining alternative housing by providing rental assistance, utility assistance and other services, citywide (OEDEV-201846925-00). The last regularly scheduled Council meeting within the 30-day review period is on 2-19-19. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 1-16-19.

Affected Council District(s) or citywide? citywide

Contract Control Number: OEDEV-201846925-00

Vendor/Contractor Name (including any "DBA"): Northeast Denver Housing Center

Type and Scope of services to be performed:

Originally launched in late 2017 as a pilot with \$865,000 between two community-based contractors, Denver’s Temporary Rental/Utility Assistance (TRUA) program is designed to prevent displacement by assisting low- and moderate-income residents experiencing a housing crisis to maintain stability in the time it might take to find alternative housing. A housing crisis may be defined as job/income loss or other economic pressures, unsafe housing conditions, an energy shutoff notice, or potential eviction.

The strong response to the program, which was subsequently renewed with additional funds in May and December 2018, is expected to again disperse its full allocations for temporary rental and utility assistance.

OED’s Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for 2019 housing and neighborhood programs included a request for TRUA program delivery applications to be funded in 2019.

To be eligible, residents are asked to provide proof of their residency at the current address for at least 60 days, evidence of their housing crisis, and fall within income limits (i.e., earning no more than \$50,350 for one person, or no more than \$71,900 for a household of four).

Assistance payments are made directly to the landlord or utility company.

The city’s five-year housing plan, *Housing an Inclusive Denver*, sets a stabilization goal of 10,000 households between 2018 and 2023. This stabilization includes the TRUA program in addition to such strategies as emergency home repair, single-family home rehabilitation, landlord/tenant services, and eviction assistance.

OED and the TRUA partners have added additional emphasis on housing counseling, financial literacy, and benefits navigation, all prompted by the observation from the initial pilot phase that households being served need not just immediate assistance but also help with strategies for longer-term housing stability.

Households served by the TRUA program between November 1, 2017 and November 30, 2018 included 1,279 rental assistance payments to 961 unduplicated households, and 192 utility assistance payments to 164 unduplicated households.

To date, the average rental assistance payment through TRUA is \$1,200 per household and the average utility assistance amount is \$390 per household. The majority of the residents served have incomes 0-30% AMI, and a significant proportion of residents served are female heads of households.

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?

For New contracts

Term of initial contract: One year

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: \$1,000,000

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.)