



Legislation Text

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

**Date Submitted:** 12-9-19

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

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**Item Title & Description:**

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**A resolution approving a proposed Amendatory Agreement between the City and County of Denver and Mental Health Center of Denver for operation of the Denver Crisis Intervention Response Unit.**

Amends a contract with Mental Health Center of Denver by adding \$700,000 for a new total of \$1,700,000 and one year for a new end date of 12-31-20 for operation of the Crisis Intervention Response Unit, known as the co-responder program, which pairs a mental health clinician with a police officer to respond to calls involving individuals with suspected mental health needs (ENVHL - 201952894-01). The last regularly scheduled Council meeting within the 30-day review period is on 2-18-20. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 12-18-19.

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

**Contract Control Number:** ENVHL - 201952894-01

**Vendor/Contractor Name (including any "DBA"):** Mental Health Center of Denver

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

The CIRU has been funded by the Crime Prevention and Control Commission since mid-2016. Since that time, the program has grown to include 12 co-responders that in 2018 made contact with 1,725 individuals in the community. The direct indicators of success for the CIRU are counter-factual - arrests and hospitalizations that did not happen. The CIRU has become an important support in the City and County of Denver. The CPCC recommends that the funding continue for this program, with a planned transition of the program to be funded by and managed by the Department of Public Safety over the next few years. The Commission is requesting a lower contract amount in 2020 to more accurately reflect actual expenditures due to some costs being offset by Medicaid reimbursements to MHCD.

The Crisis Intervention Response Unit will assist Denver Police Department in determining the best response to persons they encounter who are presenting with possible mental health or other behavioral concerns if a law enforcement intervention is not immediately warranted. The program is intended to provide proactive care to ensure that appropriate interventions are made for persons with behavioral health issues in order to improve the lives of the citizens of the City and County of Denver, streamline services, and create system efficiencies.

**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?**

One year

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

One year

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

Two years

***If cost changing***

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

\$1,000,000

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

\$700,000

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

\$1,700,000

***If terms changing***

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