



Legislation Text

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Finance Item/Grant Request Template

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Item Title & Description:

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A resolution approving and providing for the execution of a proposed Grant Agreement between the City and County of Denver and the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) concerning the "City and County of Denver Emergency Migrant Response" grant program and the funding therefor.

Approves a grant agreement with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs for \$1,500,000 and through 12-31-2023 for city costs associated with supporting the influx of migrant arrivals in Denver, citywide (SOCSV-202266266). The last regularly scheduled Council meeting within the 30-day review period is on 1-23-2023. Councilmember Torres approved direct filing this item on 12-28-2022.

Affected Council District(s) or citywide? Citywide

Executive Summary with Rationale and Impact:

Detailed description of the item and why we are doing it. This can be a separate attachment.

The City and County of Denver is experiencing a significant number of migrants arriving from the southern border. Denver is working to meet the needs of these migrants and the cost of the response is straining City finances. We worked with our partners at the State Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) through an application process and requested \$1.5 million, which the City was awarded, to cover unbudgeted expenditures associated with the migrant sheltering response incurred after the grant contract is executed. Since December 9, 2022, Denver has served 1,539 (as of December 22, 2022) individuals at multiple city facilities and partner facilities. Please see attached press release as of December 22, 2022, for additional information. The City is working to

identify a long-term solution for managing the anticipated ongoing migrant sheltering and support needs. To date, the City has spent approximately \$1million on these efforts, including employee payroll, services, and supplies.

Eligible DOLA grant activities include the following: housing assistance services (short-term leases, minor repairs, utility costs, custodial and security services); migrant response services such as case management, language access, behavioral services, public health and medical care, related “wrap around” services including food and clothing; transportation and travel for groups; local government non-budgeted staffing (on-calls, overtime). Prohibited grant costs include new construction of permanent facilities, additions to existing buildings, vehicle purchases or long-term leases, and already encumbered costs.

The DOLA funds may be directed toward City staffing costs (such as the approximately 100 on-call emergency shelter assistants in the process of being hired) but the final determination will depend on what, if any, other funding sources become available.

Type (choose one: Grant; Supplemental; Fund Creation; Fund Rescission; Fund Transfer; Appropriation; Other): Grant acceptance

Amount: \$1.5M

Budget Year:

Fund and Funding Source (Fund/Org/Grant Number, if applicable):

Grantor (if applicable):

Fund Matching Requirements (if applicable):

Fiscal Impact: