



## Legislation Text

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

**Date Submitted: 2-20-2023**

**Requesting Agency: Department of Housing Stability  
Division:**

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#### **Item Title & Description:**

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**A resolution approving a proposed Contract between the City and County of Denver and Colorado Health Network, Inc. to administer the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS housing assistance and supportive services programs, citywide.**

Approves a contract with Colorado Health Network, Inc. for \$3,000,000 and through 12-31-2023 to administer the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) housing assistance and supportive services programs, citywide (HOST-202366621-00). The last regularly scheduled Council meeting within the 30-day review period is on 3-27-2023. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 2-22-2023.

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

**Contract Control Number:** HOST 202366621-00

**Vendor/Contractor Name (including any "DBA"):** Colorado Health Network, Inc.

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

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) was established in 1990 as part of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 to address housing and related supportive services needs of low-income people living with HIV/AIDS. Housing is essential to the health and stability of all people, but particularly for those living with HIV/AIDS who are addressing a chronic health condition; in high-cost cities, such as Denver, the challenges can be particularly dire. HOPWA provides

rent assistance to help prevent eviction, as well as housing access for those exiting homelessness. Additionally, HOPWA funds supportive wrap around services necessary to stabilize households - particularly for those whose medication regimen is paramount to their longevity.

HOPWA services include housing assistance, housing navigation, and case management to serve people living with HIV with low-income. Housing assistance programs supported by this contract include TBRA (Tenant-Based Rent Assistance), STRMU (Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, Utilities), and PHP (Permanent Housing Placement).

**Scope of work:**

Housing programs supported by this contract include **Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, Utility Assistance (STRMU)**, which provides housing assistance to eligible households for up to \$2,500 or 21 weeks (continuous or non-continuous) of assistance, whichever is higher, in a 52-week period. This program is designed to prevent homelessness by assisting to retain long-term, stable, permanent housing options for households that might otherwise lose their housing. 81 households will be served through STRMU.

**Tenant-Based Rental Assistance** provides housing assistance whereby eligible households pay 30% of their income and the remaining rent portion is paid in the form of a rent subsidy to the landlord for up to two years with possible extension. 140 households will be served through TBRA.

The **Permanent Housing Placement** Program provides deposit/move-in assistance to eligible participants. 112 households will be served through PHP.

**Supportive Services**, either in-house or through referrals, includes housing navigation, healthcare, support around adherence to healthcare and treatment, mental health and substance abuse counseling, support groups and psycho-educational workshops, housing resources, and vocational assistance.

**Location (if applicable):**

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

**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?**

Comp.

**For New contracts**

**Term of initial contract:**

01/01/23-12/31/23

**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:**

**\$3M**

**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.)**