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Addendum Agenda
Finance and Budget Committee
Wednesday, November 4, 2026
5:30 p.m.
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Action item

1. Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Elevate Energy to design and implement a full-service low-income household program (Comfort for All) for DRCOG's Power Ahead Colorado program in an amount not to exceed $47,197,000 through October 16, 2029.
   (Attachment A) Mac Prather, Program Manager, Power Ahead Colorado

ATTACH A

Finance and Budget Committee – Addendum Agenda

Meeting date: November 4, 2026

Agenda Item #: 1

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Agenda item type: Action item

Summary

This action is requesting an addendum to the June 3, 2026 Finance & Budget committee approval to contract with Elevate Energy to administer Power Ahead Colorado's Full Service Low-Income Household (Comfort for All) program.

Background

This action is requesting an addendum to the June 3, 2026 Finance & Budget committee approval to contract with Elevate Energy to administer Power Ahead Colorado's Full Service Low-Income Household (Comfort for All) program.

In May 2025, DRCOG released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a vendor to design, implement and administer a full-service low-income household program for an amount up to $47,197,000. Through this work, DRCOG aims to support people from low-income communities in navigating holistic home retrofits. This includes, but is not limited to, a full suite of building decarbonization opportunities, building load reduction such as weatherization and heat recovery, the replacement of heating, hot water, and cooking equipment and home repair measures necessary to enable other home upgrades.

DRCOG was authorized by this committee on June 3, 2026 to negotiate a contract with Elevate Energy following unsuccessful contract negotiations with the vendor initially selected, Energy Outreach Colorado. The amount authorized, $7,199,550, was for program administration only.

Through negotiations with Elevate Energy and discussions with Power Ahead Colorado's U.S. Environmental Protections Agency Project Officer and DRCOG's legal team, staff has determined that the best way to implement the project would be through issuing a subaward allocating the full amount of the RFP for both program administration as well as the distribution of up to $40 million of retrofit incentives. The addendum to the resolution increases the contract amount to align with the total Program Budget allocated for this program and with the total amount advertised in the RFP.

The total contract amount is not to exceed $47,197,000 to implement the Comfort for All program to support people from low-income communities in navigating holistic home retrofits. The contract term will run through October 16, 2029.

The contract for this work will be funded through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. Additional funding sources including, but not limited to, contributions from member governments, local utilities or other grant awards may be considered for additional funding in the future.

Action by others
None

Previous discussion/action
August 6, 2025 - Finance and Budget Committee
June 3, 2026 – Finance and Budget Committee

Recommendation
Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Elevate Energy to design and implement a full-service low-income household program (Comfort for All) for DRCOG's Power Ahead Colorado program in an amount not to exceed $47,197,000 through October 16, 2029.

Attachment
Draft resolution

For more information
If you need additional information, please contact Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director, at 303-480-6701; or Robert Spotts, Manager, Power Ahead Colorado, at rspotts@drcog.org; or Mac Prather, Program Manager (Incentives, Advising and Full-Service Programs), at 720-653-2228 or mprather@drcog.org.

Denver Regional Council of Governments
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Finance and Budget Committee Resolution No. 53, 2026

A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Elevate Energy to design and implement a full-service low-income household program (Comfort for All) for DRCOG's Power Ahead Colorado program in an amount not to exceed $47,197,000 through October 16, 2029.

Whereas, DRCOG received a $199.7 million grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program to implement a regional building decarbonization initiative; and

Whereas, Power Ahead Colorado has budgeted $47,197,000 to implement the Comfort for All program, which includes incentives that reduce the cost of home retrofit measures thereby supporting people from low-income communities in navigating holistic home retrofits; and

Whereas, DRCOG conducted a competitive bidding process initially selecting Energy Outreach Colorado but for whom contract negotiations were unsuccessful; and

Whereas, Elevate Energy, as second bidder, has demonstrated strong qualifications and extensive experience in implementing equitable energy programs for low-income households, including community engagement, customer support, and program delivery at scale; and

Whereas, DRCOG staff conducted an extensive review of the program structure in coordination with the program's U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Project Officers and determined that a subaward to Elevate Energy for the full project amount is the most appropriate mechanism for administering and delivering the program.

Now, therefore, be it Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Finance and Budget Committee hereby authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Elevate Energy to design and implement a full-service low-income household program (Comfort for All) for DRCOG's Power Ahead Colorado program in an amount not to exceed $47,197,000 through October 16, 2029.

Resolved, passed, and adopted this 4th day of November, 2026, at Denver, Colorado.

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Judi Kern, Chair
Finance and Budget Committee
Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:

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Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director