

Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: August 21, 2024

Agenda Item #: 4

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with the Colorado Refugee Services Program of approximately \$300,000 for the term of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 in support of DRCOG's Older Adult Refugees and Friends program.

Agenda item type: Action item

Summary

This action is related to the receipt of grant funds issued by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE), through the Colorado Refugee Services Program (CRSP), for DRCOG's Older Adult Refugee and Friends program.

Background

Since 2012, DRCOG's Area Agency on Aging has received federal funds through CRSP to provide education and assistance to older refugees residing in the Denver metro region. The program addresses the unique barriers older refugees face to help them better access health care and community-based services and thus enable them to successfully live independently.

Earlier this year, CRSP moved from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Labor and Employment and issued a new round of funding under its Thrive grant program, which aims to increase the economic, social, and cultural integration of refugees. DRCOG staff submitted a funding application for services that included resource navigation and case management, as well as health promotion and education. CRSP recently notified DRCOG that it intends to issue an award of up to the \$300,000 requested. As in previous years, any award from CRSP shall be braided with Older Americans Act funding to serve the broad community of older refugees and immigrants in the region.

Action by others

None

Previous discussion/action

None

Recommendation

Move to approve a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with the Colorado Refugee Services Program of approximately \$300,000 for the term of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 in support of DRCOG's Older Adult Refugees and Friends program.



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Attachments

Draft resolution

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