

Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: December 18, 2024

Agenda Item #: 2 - B

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept a new term period of September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2025 for \$135,000 in funds from the Colorado Disability Funding Committees Disability Benefit Application Assistance grant

Agenda item type: Consent agenda

Summary

DRCOG Area Agency on Aging received a grant through the Colorado Disability Funding Committee to support individuals with application assistance for Social Security Disability benefits and other public benefits. Original term dates of the contract were July 1st, 2024-June 30th, 2025. New grant dates are for September 1st, 2024-August 31st, 2025.Background The Area Agency on Aging applied for a Colorado Disability Benefit Application Assistance grant in January 2024 to support the work of the Aging and Disability Resource Center. This grant will be used to help individuals 18 and older with a disability apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Colorado Medicaid benefits.

This grant will enable staff to provide comprehensive support throughout the application process, track each application step, improve client approval rates, and expedite assistance for individuals in need.

The Area Agency on Aging did not receive the purchase order for this grant until October 23rd, 2024, and upon receipt of the purchase order, the dates for the grant had been shifted by the State of Colorado from July 1st, 2024-June 30th, 2025, to September 1st, 2024-August 31st, 2025.

Action by others None

Previous discussion/action July 17 2024 – Finance and Budget Committee meeting

Recommendation

Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept a new term period of September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2025 for \$135,000 in funds from the Colorado Disability Funding Committees Disability Benefit Application Assistance grant.



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Attachments

Draft resolution

For more information

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