

Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: July 17, 2024

Agenda Item #: 6

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept funds from the State of Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies of approximately \$185,000 over 18 months ending on September 30, 2025 to administer a regional State Health Insurance Assistance Program.

Agenda item type: Action item

Summary

This action is related to the receipt of funding from the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) to provide Medicare information and benefits services to older adults and people with disabilities in the DRCOG region.

Background

DRCOG's Aging and Disability Resources Center (ADRC) is designated by the State as a regional provider for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). SHIP is a federally funded program to help individuals navigate the broad range of benefits options available under Medicare. Under the program, the ADRC performs extensive Medicare outreach and provides health benefits counseling and education for free to eligible seniors, with primary responsibilities for older adults residing in Arapahoe, Douglas, and Jefferson counties. In addition to these activities, federal funds received by the ADRC support Medicare enrollment assistance and advocacy services, as well as Medicare fraud education and prevention.

Funds for SHIP are derived from three separate funding streams with different annual expiration dates. Total estimated funds of approximately \$185K are anticipated over a period of 18 months ending in September 2025. Combined with state monies authorized by the Older Coloradans Act, funds from DORA will be used to support the work of three dedicated full-time staff members. The program also utilizes the help of several active volunteers.

Action by others

None

Previous discussion/action

None

Recommendation

Move to approve a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept funds from the State of Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies of approximately \$185,000 over 18 months ending on September 30, 2025 to administer a regional State Health Insurance Assistance Program.



Attachments

Draft resolution

For more information

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