

## Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: October 16, 2024

Agenda Item #: 5

### **Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept an option letter from Colorado Department of Human Services to extend federal American Rescue Plan Act funds through June 30, 2025 for older adult services.**

Agenda item type: Action item

#### **Summary**

DRCOG staff recommend that the Executive Director accept a nine-month, no-cost extension of federal ARPA funds to be used for older adult services through June 30, 2025.

#### **Background**

The federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was among a series of economic stimulus bills passed by the U.S. Congress to help address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Under a contract with the Colorado Department of Human Services, the DRCOG Area Agency on Aging (AAA) was allocated ARPA funds of approximately \$9.1 million starting in 2022. As of July 1, 2024, approximately 95% of funds were spent to administer Older Americans Act programs benefiting older adults and their caregivers throughout the AAA region.

DRCOG recently received an option letter from the State for a nine-month, no-cost extension of ARPA funds, pushing out the expiration date to the state fiscal year end date of June 30, 2025. All ARPA funding subparts, except for the Public Health Workforce funds used for health-related navigation services, are projected to be fully spent by the end of the original term date of September 30, 2024. After that date, the remaining ARPA balance is projected at less than \$200,000 and will be expended before the end of the new term date.

#### **Action by others**

None

#### **Previous discussion/action**

None

#### **Recommendation**

Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept an option letter from Colorado Department of Human Services to extend federal American Rescue Plan Act funds through June 30, 2025 for older adult services.



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**Attachment**

Draft resolution

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