

## Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: September 3, 2025

Agenda Item #: 4

### **Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Lionheart Places, LLC, to provide urban planning consulting services for DRCOG's Transit-Oriented Communities in the City of Arvada project in an amount not to exceed \$140,000 for a period of 12 months from the date of contract execution.**

Agenda item type: Action item

#### **Summary**

A request to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Lionheart Places LLC, to provide consulting services to support DRCOG's Transit-Oriented Communities in the City of Arvada project. This project was awarded through the Livable Centers Set-Aside Program. The contract amount is not to exceed \$140,000 over a period of 12 months from the date of contract execution.

#### **Background**

The Livable Centers Set-Aside is a program identified in the Fiscal Year 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program to assist regional partners in planning to enhance and increase livability in connected multimodal centers in the Denver region. A total of \$2.5 million is available in the set-aside over the four-year period of the Transportation Improvement Program. DRCOG signed a contract with CDOT in October 2024 to receive \$1.25 million for the first two years of the Livable Centers Set-Aside.

The first solicitation of Livable Centers Set-Aside project proposals was conducted during the fall of 2024. Seven projects were identified for funding based on evaluation criteria that was adopted by the DRCOG Board of Directors in March 2023. The DRCOG Board of Directors approved the final selected list of projects for the set-aside at their December 2024 meeting. The purpose of the Transit-Oriented Communities in the City of Arvada project is to deliver a plan to grow housing stock and enhance livability near the City's G-Line commuter rail stations and select bus stops.

In June 2025, DRCOG released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit services from firms with experience in leading small area planning projects involving land use, zoning and market analysis, transit-oriented development, community engagement, and coordination with stakeholders.

DRCOG received five proposals, all of which were reviewed and evaluated by a selection panel. The panel included subject matter experts from DRCOG, as well as the City of Arvada's Community and Economic Development department.

Based on the selection panel's evaluation, DRCOG staff recommend that the Finance and Budget Committee authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the preferred consultant, Lionheart Places, LLC.



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**Action by others**

None

**Previous discussion/action**

None

**Recommendation**

Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Lionheart Places, LLC, to provide urban planning consulting services for DRCOG's Transit-Oriented Communities in the City of Arvada project in an amount not to exceed \$140,000 for a period of 12 months from the date of contract execution.

**Attachment**

Draft resolution

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