



Agenda Special Finance and Budget Committee

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Video/Web Conference

Denver, CO

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1. Call to order

Consent agenda

2. Move to approve Consent agenda
 - A. Summary of April 17, 2024 meeting
(Attachment A)

Action items

3. Discussion of recommending approval of the DRCOG Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget to the Board of Directors
(Attachment B) Jenny Dock, Director, Administration and Finance
4. Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to allocate federal and state funds of approximately \$13.7 million to contracts with providers for Older Americans Act services for the fiscal year of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
(Attachment C) Jayla Sanchez-Warren, Director, Area Agency on Aging
5. Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Colorado Health Care Policy and Financing for \$92,000 to expand transitions-related outreach through March 31, 2025.
(Attachment D) Jayla Sanchez-Warren, Director, Area Agency on Aging
6. Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept federal grant funds through the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program in the amount of \$975,485.70 for a period of 18 months upon contract execution to pilot and implement the Ride Alliance Human Services Trip Exchange program.
(Attachment E) Ron Papsdorf, Director, Transportation Planning and Operations

Administrative items

7. Report of the Chair
8. Report of the Executive Director
9. **Next meeting – May 15, 2024**
10. Other matters by members
11. Adjourn



Attachment A

Summary of April 17, 2024 meeting

Finance and Budget Committee Meeting Summary

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Members Present

Rich Kondo, Chair	City of Northglenn
Claire Levy	Boulder County
Adam Paul	City and County of Denver
Andy Kerr	Jefferson County
Lisa Feret	Arvada
Paul Haseman	Golden
Stephen Barr	Littleton
Wynne Shaw	Lone Tree
Nichole Sterling	Nederland

Others Present: Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director; and DRCOG staff.

Chair Rich Kondo called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. with a quorum present. Chair Kondo wanted to recognize the 2023 DRCOG Employee of the Year, Roberta Cole.

Move to approve consent agenda

Director Haseman **moved** to approve the consent agenda. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Items on the consent agenda included:

- Summary of the March 20, 2024 meeting.

2023/2024 Draft Budget

Jenny Dock provided an in depth overview of the budget to the members. Each year the Finance and Budget Committee reviews and recommends approval of a proposed budget to the Board of Directors for the coming year. Ms. Dock presented the [budget summary](#) to directors and explained each line item in detail. Projections are made on all streams of revenue for the organization to include federal and state funding, participating member dues, local/other funding, and in-kind contributions. Expenses are inclusive of all personnel costs, contractual agreements, cash match obligations, and other operating expenses such as office rent, business insurance premiums, technology, and capital outlay. Considerations are made regarding merit and market adjustments for staff. DRCOG staff polled numerous member jurisdictions to gather information regarding merit increases and market adjustments in their budgets and a market adjustment of 4% is included. Directors reviewed and discussed the draft budget to determine if any revisions are needed. The final draft will be brought back to the committee for approval to recommend to the DRCOG Board of Directors at the special meeting on May 1.

Report of the Chair

Chair Kondo expressed his gratitude to the staff of the Administration and Finance division for their work.

Report of the Executive Director

The Executive Director wanted to let the committee know there would be a special Finance and Budget Committee meeting on May 1.

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Next meeting – Special Meeting May 1, 2024 - virtual

Other matters by members

There were no other matters by members.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Attachment B

Discussion of recommending approval of the DRCOG
Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget to the Board of Directors

Special Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: May 1, 2024

Agenda Item #: 3

Discussion of recommending approval of the DRCOG Fiscal Year 2024/25 Budget to the Board of Directors

Agenda item type: Action item

Summary

The 2024/2025 budget is a fiscal guide for the operation of DRCOG from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. The budget highlights work activities in DRCOG's Work Program for the Denver metropolitan region.

Background

Each year the Finance and Budget Committee reviews and recommends approval of a proposed budget to the Board of Directors for the coming year. Attached is the draft budget for the new fiscal year of July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

DRCOG staff presented the draft budget to Finance and Budget committee on April 17, 2024. No revisions were requested by the Committee.

Action by others

n/a

Previous discussion/action

[April 17, 2024](#) – Finance and Budget Committee meeting

Recommendation

Move to recommend approval of the DRCOG Fiscal Year 2024/25 Budget to the Board of Directors.

Attachments

Link: [Draft Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget](#)

For more information

If you need additional information, please contact Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director, at 303-480-6701 or drex@drcog.org; or Jenny Dock, Director of Administration and Finance, at 720-635-5733 jdock@drcog.org.



Attachment C

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to allocate federal and state funds of approximately \$13.7 million to contracts with providers for Older Americans Act services for the fiscal year of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Special Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: May 1, 2024

Agenda Item #: 4

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to allocate federal and state funds of approximately \$13.7 million to contracts with providers for Older Americans Act services for the fiscal year of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Agenda item type: Action item

Summary

This action is to recommend allocating federal and state funds of approximately \$13.7 million to contracts with providers for Older Americans Act services for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Background

DRCOG expects to receive an option letter from Colorado Department of Human Services extending its contract for Older Americans Act services for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2024. In anticipation of the option letter, DRCOG released a Request for Proposals solicitation for Older Americans Act services last fall for the 2024-2025 grant year. Thirty-six organizations submitted proposals for 81 unique services totaling \$23 million in requested funds. Proposals were scored on various criteria including service need, cost, experience, and other relevant factors.

The Advisory Committee on Aging (ACA) funding subcommittee convened meetings to discuss proposals and scores, hold interviews, and make funding determinations. In view of reduced overall funding levels due to the expiration of federal American Rescue Plan Act and state Homestead funds in 2024, the subcommittee followed a funds allocations process which placed highest priority on services providing for older adults' basic needs and that serve the OAA targeted populations; that is, those of highest economic and social need.

If the funding award is significantly more than expected, the ACA will reconvene to determine the allocation of the excess funds.

Action by others

[April 26, 2024](#) – The Advisory Committee on Aging will make a recommendation.

Previous discussion/action

n/a



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Recommendation

Move to approve a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to allocate federal and state funds of approximately \$13.7 million to contracts with providers for Older Americans Act services for the fiscal year of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Attachments

1. 2024-2025 Recommended AAA Contractor Allocations
2. Draft resolution

For more information

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DRCOG Area Agency On Aging Request for Proposals SFY2025 Funding Recommendations

Nutrition Services

Organization	Proposed Service	Average Total		
		Score	Requested Funds	Recommended? Amount Awarded
Project Angel Heart	Home Delivered Meals	18.90	\$787,626.98	Yes \$576,141.00
Volunteers of America, Colorado	Home Delivered Meals	16.62	\$5,780,420.00	Yes \$3,970,356.00
Volunteers of America, Colorado	Congregate Meals	15.85	\$2,178,130.00	Yes \$1,345,296.00
Denver Inner City Parish	Material Aid - Food	15.75	\$156,058.00	Yes \$55,194.00
Southwest Improvement Council, Inc.	Material Aid - Groceries	15.05	\$16,200.00	Yes \$16,200.00
Benefits in Action	Material Aid - Food	14.80	\$436,138.00	Yes \$120,000.00
Jewish Family Service of Colorado, Inc.	Material Aid - Food	14.80	\$80,271.00	Yes \$52,741.00
Total			\$9,434,843.98	\$6,135,928.00

Transportation Services

Organization	Proposed Service	Average Total		
		Score	Requested Funds	Recommended? Amount Awarded
City of Lakewood	Assisted Transportation	18.90	\$420,992.95	Yes \$315,000.00
Senior Support Services	Transportation Voucher - Bus Tickets	17.60	\$67,434.00	Yes \$40,000.00
Via Mobility Services	Assisted Transportation	16.35	\$1,942,650.00	Yes \$1,785,300.00
City and County of Broomfield	Assisted Transportation	16.25	\$360,000.00	Yes \$345,000.00
A Little Help	Assisted Transportation	16.20	\$32,000.00	Yes \$25,000.00
Denver Inner City Parish	Assisted Transportation	16.15	\$121,690.00	Yes \$83,832.00
Volunteers of America, Colorado	Assisted Transportation	15.81	\$109,320.00	Yes \$100,000.00
Southwest Improvement Council, Inc.	Transportation Voucher - Bus Tickets	14.95	\$5,355.00	Yes \$5,355.00
Douglas County Government	Assisted Transportation	14.60	\$458,500.00	Yes \$299,700.00
Total			\$3,517,941.95	\$2,999,187.00

In-home Services

Organization	Proposed Service	Average Total		
		Score	Requested Funds	Recommended? Amount Awarded
A Little Help	Chore	16.05	\$70,000.00	Yes \$50,000.00
Brothers Redevelopment, Inc.	Chore	15.85	\$130,000.00	Yes \$75,000.00
Jewish Family Service of Colorado, Inc.	Homemaker	15.75	\$390,240.00	Yes \$311,865.00
Volunteers of America, Colorado	Chore	15.12	\$273,262.00	Yes \$132,600.00
Arapahoe County Government	Chore	14.40	\$110,000.00	Yes \$105,000.00
Seniors' Resource Center, Inc.	Homemaker	14.37	\$350,000.00	Yes \$341,826.00
Seniors' Resource Center, Inc.	Chore	14.35	\$315,000.00	Yes \$150,000.00
Seniors' Resource Center, Inc.	Chore - Hoarding	14.29	\$185,000.00	Yes \$175,000.00
Douglas County Government	Chore	14.25	\$28,800.00	Yes \$16,000.00
Seniors' Resource Center, Inc.	Personal Care	14.04	\$28,500.00	Yes \$11,093.00
Douglas County Government	Homemaker	13.70	\$283,578.00	Yes \$201,972.00
Douglas County Government	Personal Care	13.05	\$186,750.00	Yes \$186,750.00
Blue Spruce Habitat for Humanity	Chore	8.75	\$58,500.00	Yes \$38,500.00
Total			\$2,409,630.00	\$1,795,606.00

Caregiver Services

Organization	Proposed Service	Average Total		
		Score	Requested Funds	Recommended? Amount Awarded
Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Inc.	Caregiver Training	16.60	\$26,000.00	Yes \$26,000.00
Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Inc.	Caregiver Counseling	16.00	\$26,000.00	Yes \$26,000.00
Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Inc.	Caregiver Support Groups	15.80	\$78,000.00	Yes \$78,000.00
City and County of Broomfield	Caregiver Respite	14.50	\$102,703.44	Yes \$102,703.00
Catholic Charities and Community Services of the Archdiocese of Denver, Inc.	Grandparent Caregiver Information and Assistance	14.00	\$72,443.75	Yes \$72,443.00
Catholic Charities and Community Services of the Archdiocese of Denver, Inc.	Grandparent Caregiver Training	14.00	\$30,923.75	Yes \$30,923.00
Seniors' Resource Center, Inc.	Caregiver Respite - Adult Day Care	13.73	\$1,325,000.00	Yes \$800,000.00
Catholic Charities and Community Services of the Archdiocese of Denver, Inc.	Grandparent Caregiver Counseling	13.60	\$36,762.50	Yes \$36,762.00
Catholic Charities and Community Services of the Archdiocese of Denver, Inc.	Grandparent Caregiver Respite	13.40	\$34,600.00	Yes \$34,600.00
Benefits in Action	Caregiver Support Groups	10.95	\$56,563.00	No \$0.00
Total			\$1,788,996.44	\$1,207,431.00

Evidenced Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

Organization	Proposed Service	Average Total		
		Score	Requested Funds	Recommended? Amount Awarded
Volunteers of America, Colorado	Evidence-Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion - EB	14.96	\$217,724.00	Yes \$87,200.00
Colorado Visiting Nurse Association	Evidence-Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion - EB	13.45	\$185,000.00	Yes \$170,000.00
Total			\$402,724.00	\$257,200.00

Legal Assistance

Organization	Proposed Service	Average Total		
		Score	Requested Funds	Recommended? Amount Awarded
Colorado Legal Services	Legal Assistance	13.9	\$595,000.00	Yes \$595,000.00
Total			\$595,000.00	\$595,000.00

Material Aid

Organization	Proposed Service	Average Total		
		Score	Requested Funds	Recommended? Amount Awarded
Enight Skills Center	Special Equipment for the Visually Impaired	17.4	\$13,000.00	No \$0.00
Colorado Gerontological Society, Inc.	Material Aid - Audiology	16.1	\$877,245.00	No \$0.00
Colorado Gerontological Society, Inc.	Material Aid - Optometry	16.05	\$78,832.00	No \$0.00
Total			\$969,077.00	\$0.00

All Other Services

Organization	Proposed Service	Average Total		
		Score	Requested Funds	Recommended? Amount Awarded
Senior Support Services	Screening	18.20	\$293,000.00	Yes \$174,148.00
Senior Support Services	Counseling	17.60	\$50,000.00	Yes \$25,000.00
Aurora Mental Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center, Inc.	Education	17.20	\$67,538.49	Yes \$43,900.00
Enight Skills Center	Education	17.10	\$42,540.00	No \$0.00
Aurora Mental Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center, Inc.	Counseling	17.00	\$65,864.54	Yes \$42,800.00
Enight Skills Center	Screening	16.90	\$31,085.80	No \$0.00
Aurora Mental Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center, Inc.	Screening	16.70	\$57,489.15	Yes \$37,600.00
Brothers Redevelopment, Inc.	Information and Assistance - Compensated	15.90	\$175,000.00	Yes \$75,000.00
Colorado Center for the Blind	Counseling	15.35	\$70,000.00	No \$0.00
Colorado Center for the Blind	Education	15.20	\$100,000.00	No \$0.00
Via Mobility Services	Information and Assistance - Compensated	14.83	\$68,627.00	No \$0.00

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Jewish Family Service of Colorado, Inc.	Case Management	14.75	\$48,029.00	No	\$0.00
Aging Resources of Douglas County	Information and Assistance - Compensated	14.50	\$150,000.00	Yes	\$100,000.00
The Center For People With Disabilities	Counseling	14.40	\$64,000.00	No	\$0.00
The Center For People With Disabilities	Education	14.35	\$28,800.00	No	\$0.00
Sunshine Home Share Colorado	Case Management	14.20	\$19,027.97	No	\$0.00
City and County of Denver	Information and Assistance - Compensated	13.85	\$110,880.00	Yes	\$75,000.00
Denver Inner City Parish	Information and Assistance - Compensated	13.75	\$95,139.00	No	\$0.00
Colorado Health Network	Education	13.65	\$120,142.46	No	\$0.00
Benefits in Action	Information and Assistance - Compensated	13.60	\$500,933.00	No	\$0.00
Colorado Nonprofit Development Center	Education	13.60	\$30,000.00	No	\$0.00
Sunshine Home Share Colorado	Education	13.60	\$57,083.90	No	\$0.00
Seniors' Resource Center, Inc.	Case Management	13.52	\$650,000.00	No	\$0.00
Southwest Improvement Council, Inc.	Screening	13.35	\$225,945.00	Yes	\$146,800.00
Mount Evans Hospice, Inc.	Screening	13.30	\$23,555.52	No	\$0.00
Colorado Nonprofit Development Center	Information and Assistance - Compensated	13.20	\$45,000.00	No	\$0.00
City and County of Broomfield	Information and Assistance - Compensated	12.80	\$13,935.36	No	\$0.00
Denver Inner City Parish	Education	12.70	\$98,545.00	No	\$0.00
Jefferson Center for Mental Health	Counseling	12.65	\$95,036.00	No	\$0.00
Mount Evans Hospice, Inc.	Counseling	12.55	\$37,935.31	No	\$0.00
Colorado Health Network	Screening	12.45	\$8,460.93	No	\$0.00
Colorado Health Network	Case Management	12.40	\$13,358.63	No	\$0.00
Audio Information Network of Colorado, Inc.	Education	12.35	\$209,640.80	No	\$0.00
Impactiv, Inc.	Evidence-Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion - EB	12.15	\$105,680.00	No	\$0.00
Health Promotion Partners, LLC	Education	11.05	\$75,006.26	No	\$0.00
BlueBird Therapy and Wellness	Education	6.95	\$33,017.44	No	\$0.00
Total			\$3,880,296.56		\$720,248.00
Grand Total			\$22,998,509.93		\$13,710,600.00

Denver Regional Council of Governments
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Finance and Budget Committee

Resolution No. 10, 2024

A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to allocate federal and state funds of approximately \$13.7 million to contracts with providers for Older Americans Act services for the fiscal year of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Whereas, DRCOG is the designated Area Agency on Aging (AAA) under the federal Older Americans Act and the state Older Coloradans Act for the eight-county metropolitan region; and

Whereas, DRCOG anticipates receiving federal and state funds for the AAA to provide services to older adults and their caregivers throughout the region pursuant to a contract with the Colorado Department of Human Services; and

Whereas, DRCOG solicited service proposals from local service provider agencies, which were evaluated by a subcommittee of the Advisory Committee on Aging for funding allocations; and

Whereas, the Advisory Committee on Aging shall meet to review the 2024-2025 funds allocations and make its recommendations;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Finance and Budget Committee authorizes the Executive Director to allocate federal and state funds of approximately \$13.7 million to contracts with providers for Older Americans Act services for the fiscal year of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Resolved, passed, and adopted this 1st day of May, 2024 at Denver, Colorado.

Richard Kondo, Chair
Finance and Budget Committee
Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director

Attachment D

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Colorado Health Care Policy and Financing for \$92,000 to expand transitions-related outreach through March 31, 2025.

Special Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: May 1, 2024

Agenda Item #: 5

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Colorado Health Care Policy and Financing for \$92,000 to expand transitions-related outreach through March 31, 2025.

Agenda item type: Action item

Summary

This action is to recommend a contract with Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) for \$92,000 to expand transitions-related outreach through March 2025.

Background

DRCOG's Community Options Program provides options counseling to residents of long-term care facilities, helping to ease their transition back into their homes or other communities of choice. In February 2024, program staff submitted a grant application to HCPF requesting funds to help build awareness of transition services among individuals residing in nursing facilities. The funding opportunity was offered in connection with Money Follows the Person (MFP), a federal grant administered by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, whose aim is to afford individuals the choice of where they live and receive services.

DRCOG was recently notified that it is receiving the maximum award amount of \$92,000. The funds are available through March 31, 2025 and will mostly be used to hire one full-time equivalent employee dedicated to transitions program outreach. Although the position is term-limited, the scope of responsibilities is in line with changes that HCPF is planning for its future contracts with transitions programs such as DRCOG's starting in the 2024-2025 fiscal year. At that time, DRCOG program staff will be tasked to coordinate, schedule, and facilitate group and individual outreach to Medicaid members in more than 70 of the region's nursing homes.

Action by others

n/a

Previous discussion/action

n/a

Recommendation

Move to approve a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Colorado Health Care Policy and Financing for \$92,000 to expand transitions-related outreach through March 31, 2025.

Attachments

Draft resolution



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For more information

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Finance and Budget Committee

Resolution No. 11, 2024

A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Colorado Health Care Policy and Financing for \$92,000 to expand transitions-related outreach through March 31, 2025.

Whereas, DRCOG is a part of an Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) system in Colorado that provides a coordinated and streamlined access point to long term services and supports; and

Whereas, the ADRC's Community Options Program provides options counseling to residents of long-term care facilities seeking to transition to their home or other community of choice; and

Whereas, staff of the Community Options Program applied for a grant to expand outreach for transitions-related services in the region and was recently awarded funding for such activities;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Finance and Budget committee authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Colorado Health Care Policy and Financing for \$92,000 to expand transitions-related outreach through March 31, 2025.

Resolved, passed, and adopted this 1st day of May, 2024 at Denver Colorado.

Richard Kondo, Chair
Finance and Budget Committee
Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director

Attachment E

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept federal grant funds through the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program in the amount of \$975,485.70 for a period of 18 months upon contract execution to pilot and implement the Ride Alliance Human Services Trip Exchange program.

Special Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: May 1, 2024

Agenda Item #: 6

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept federal grant funds through the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program in the amount of \$975,485.70 for a period of 18 months upon contract execution to pilot and implement the ride alliance human services trip exchange program.

Agenda item type: Action item

Summary

The committee will consider accepting and entering into a contractual funding agreement with the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) for the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) grant award for DRCOG's Ride Alliance Human Services Trip Exchange project.

Background

On March 14, 2024, DRCOG was notified that their application to the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) grant opportunity was accepted. The grant award will provide \$975,486 in funding to DRCOG's Ride Alliance Human Services Trip Exchange project to upgrade and pilot the Trip Exchange Hub, a Demand Response Transportation service that will coordinate trip requests, reduce trip denials, and streamline reporting processes. This is a 100% federal funds grant that does not require a non-federal match.

DRCOG will serve as the primary project manager for this SMART Grant pilot project and lead the facilitation and stewardship of this pilot project. In addition, DRCOG will lead coordination efforts between the chosen consultant(s), all project partners- including relevant transit providers and associated programs- and DRCOG Area Agency on Aging staff.

DRCOG has been working for the past 6 years to develop a trip exchange hub that coordinates Demand Response Transportation across the region. While DRCOG previously received a Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative in 2018 to build out portions of this project, overall efforts have been unsuccessful due to lack of funding.

With funding from the SMART Grant Program, DRCOG will work with local partners and Human Service Transportation providers to build out, pilot, and demonstrate the Ride Alliance Human Services Trip Exchange Hub. Once completed, the project will integrate and coordinate Demand Response Transportation resources to improve mobility services for clients with disabilities, of low-income, older adults, or otherwise transportation disadvantaged.



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Conducting planning activities necessary to implement this SMART grant pilot program as the Ride Alliance Human Services Trip Exchange Hub is included in Activity 7.5 (Innovative Mobility Planning) of DRCOG's FY 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). There is no local match requirement for this project.

In addition to the planning activities outlined in this memo, the grant funds will be used to hire a limited-term staff member to oversee and manage the Ride Alliance pilot program, essentially providing oversight to implement the SMART grant. The total funding award fully funds this additional staff member and is reflected in the grant budget.

DRCOG staff is asking the Finance and Budget Committee to authorize the Executive Director to accept federal grant funds through the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation Grant Program in the amount of \$975,485.70 awarded to DRCOG.

Action by others

n/a

Previous discussion/action

n/a

Recommendation

Move to approve a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept federal grant funds through the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program in the amount of \$975,485.70 for a period of 18 months upon contract execution to pilot and implement the ride alliance human services trip exchange program.

Attachments

Draft resolution

For more information

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Finance and Budget Committee

Resolution No. 12, 2024

A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept federal grant funds through the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) grant program in the amount of \$975,485.70 for a period of 18 months upon contract execution to pilot and implement the Ride Alliance Human Services Trip Exchange program.

Whereas, in October 2023, the Denver Regional Council of Governments applied for Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation grant program funding to pilot and implement the RideAlliance Human Services Trip Exchange Program (RideAlliance Program); and

Whereas, on March 14, 2024, DRCOG was notified that their USDOT Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation grant (Stage 1: Planning and Prototyping) application was successful; and

Whereas; DRCOG anticipates a funding amount of \$975,485.70 for the Ride Alliance Program over the period of 18 months upon contract execution; and

Whereas; this grant is sourced from 100% federal grant funds and does not require non-federal matching funds; and

Whereas; with funding from the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation Grant Program, DRCOG will work with local partners and Human Service Transportation providers to build out, pilot, and demonstrate the Ride Alliance Program; and

Whereas; once completed, the project will integrate and coordinate demand response transportation resources to improve mobility services for clients who primarily face physical or cognitive disabilities; and

Whereas; SMART grant funding for the Ride Alliance Program will transform the way demand response transportation services are accessed and utilized, ensuring that our most vulnerable community members can reach medical appointments, grocery stores, and other essential activities.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Finance and Budget Committee authorizes the Executive Director to accept federal grant funds through the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) grant program in the amount of \$975,485.70 for a period of 18 months upon contract execution to pilot and implement the Ride Alliance Human Services Trip Exchange program.

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Resolved, passed, and adopted this 1st day of May, 2024 at Denver, Colorado.

Rich Kondo, Chair
Finance and Budget Committee
Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director