

AGENDA
FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, September 15, 2021
5:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
VIDEO/WEB CONFERENCE
Denver, CO

1. Call to Order

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Move to Adopt the Consent Agenda
 - i. Approve August 18, 2021 minutes
(Attachment A)

ACTION ITEMS

3. Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept funds of \$80,000 from the City of Aurora to support transportation services for its older adult residents.
(Attachment B) Jayla Sanchez-Warren, Director, Area Agency on Aging
4. Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to distribute approximately \$580,000 in 2022 NSIP funds to contracted nutrition providers.
(Attachment C) Jayla Sanchez-Warren, Director, Area Agency on Aging

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

5. Report of the Chair
6. Report of the Executive Director
7. Other Matters by Members
8. **Next Meeting – October 20, 2021**
9. Adjourn

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ATTACH A

SUMMARY
 FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE
 Wednesday, August 18, 2021
Note: Meeting held virtually via Microsoft Teams

Present:

Wynne Shaw, Chair	Lone Tree
Jeff Baker	Arapahoe County
Claire Levy	Boulder County
Deborah Mulvey	Castle Pines
Nicholas Williams	Denver County
Jim Dale	Golden
Tracy Kraft-Tharp	Jefferson County
Ashley Stolzmann	Louisville
Neal Shah	Superior
Jessica Sandgren	Thornton

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

Chair Shaw called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. with a quorum present.

Move to Adopt the Consent Agenda

Director Baker **moved** to adopt the consent agenda. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Items on the consent agenda included:

- Minutes of the July 21, 2021 Meeting

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the Colorado Department of Transportation for Consolidated Planning Grant funding in support of the FY 2022 and FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program.

Todd Cottrell, Senior Transportation Planner, presented a brief overview of the contract to the committee. The FY 2022 and FY 2023 UPWP was adopted by the Board of Directors on July 21, 2021, and outlines activities to be conducted by the metropolitan planning organization from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023. The UPWP includes estimated federal transportation planning funds available through the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), in-kind expenditures from the Regional Transportation District (RTD), and the cash match required from DRCOG as shown below:

Funding Source	Recipient	Federal Funding	DRCOG		RTD		Total
			Cash Match		In-Kind Match		
FY 2022 CPG*	DRCOG	\$ 3,963,066	\$ 205,956	\$ 617,868	\$ 4,786,890		
FY 2023 CPG	DRCOG	\$ 5,204,916	\$ 270,493	\$ 811,480	\$ 6,286,890		
FY 2020/FY 2021 Carryover	DRCOG	\$ 6,457,620	\$ 335,595	\$ 1,006,785	\$ 7,800,000		
Total Available Funding		\$ 15,625,602	\$ 812,044	\$ 2,436,133	\$ 18,873,780		

*\$1,500,000 in federal funds are being held back at CDOT for DRCOG's FY2022 contribution towards the Statewide Travel Survey.
 (Total contribution is \$2 million, \$500,000 in FY2021 and \$1,500,000 in FY2022)

Director Levy **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 16, 2021, authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with the Colorado Department of Transportation for Consolidated Planning Grant funding in support of the FY 2022 and FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program in an amount up to \$18,900,000 for the term of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept funds from the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies of up to \$200,000 for approximately 18 months ending September 30, 2022 to administer a regional State Health Insurance Assistance program.

Jayla Sanchez-Warren, Area Agency on Aging Director, provided a brief overview of the funds to the committee. 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). Under the program, the ADRC performs extensive Medicare outreach and provides health-benefits counseling and education for free to eligible seniors. The ADRC has operated the SHIP program for over four years and is assigned to primarily serve seniors residing in Arapahoe, Douglas and Jefferson counties. Funds from DORA will be used to support the work of four dedicated full-time staff members, as well as to pay for ongoing training and certification, educational materials and for hosting a number of support sites during Medicare open enrollment periods.

Director Baker **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 17, 2021, authorizing the Executive Director to accept funds from the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies to support a regional State Health Assistance Program in an amount up to \$200,000 for approximately 18 months ending September 30, 2022 to administer a regional State Health Insurance Assistance program. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Report of Chair

There was no report from the Chair.

Report of Executive Director

ED Rex wanted to inform members of the committee that the annual Board Workshop has been postponed until early 2022.

Other Matters by Members

There were no other matters by members.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2021

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

ATTACH B

To: Chair and Members of the Finance and Budget Committee

From: Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director
303-480-6747 or drex@drco.org

Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
September 15, 2021	Action	3

SUBJECT

This action is related to receipt of funds from the City of Aurora to support transportation services for Aurora’s residents age 60 and older.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

DRCOG staff recommends approval for the Executive Director to accept \$80,000 from the City of Aurora to support transportation services for older adults residing in Aurora.

ACTION BY OTHERS

N/A

SUMMARY

In 2017, members of the Aurora Commission for Seniors advocated for transportation funding from the Aurora City Council. The Council subsequently approved an annual allocation of \$80,000 for transportation services that benefit older adult residents of Aurora.

DRCOG and the City of Aurora entered into an intergovernmental agreement in 2018 under which DRCOG received the \$80,000 to launch a pilot transportation program. The pilot initially involved subcontracting with Seniors’ Resource Center (SRC) to facilitate trips more for personal purposes versus medical and grocery purposes, the latter of which SRC was already prioritizing using its Older Americans Act funding. SRC utilized Lyft transportation and, to a lesser extent, its own fleet of drivers. The pilot ended in 2019 when the funds were fully expended and later, SRC ended its transportation program.

The City recently approached DRCOG once again to allocate another \$80,000 for the same purpose. If accepted, the \$80,000 will be paid in a lump sum to be used in DRCOG’s voucher transportation program. Staff are able to identify riders who are Aurora residents and apply the funds towards their trip costs.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

N/A

PROPOSED MOTION

Move to approve a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept funds of \$80,000 from the City of Aurora to support transportation services for its older adult residents.

ATTACHMENT

N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you need additional information, please contact Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director, at (303) 480-6747 or drex@drcog.org; or Jayla Sanchez-Warren, Director, Area Agency on Aging, at (303) 480-6735 or jswarren@drcog.org.

DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
STATE OF COLORADO

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. __, 2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT FUNDS OF \$80,000 FROM THE CITY OF AURORA TO EXPAND SENIOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR ITS OLDER ADULT RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, DRCOG is the designated Area Agency on Aging (AAA) under the federal Older Americans Act (OAA) and the State's Older Coloradans Act (OCA) and thereby coordinates services that benefit adults age 60 and older residing in the eight-county metro region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora desires to support transportation services for its older adult residents and has an annual budget allocation to meet that objective; and

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora requests to allocate funds to the DRCOG AAA to coordinate transportation services for its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Finance and Budget Committee authorizes the Executive Director to accept funds of \$80,000 from the City of Aurora to support transportation services for its older adult residents.

RESOLVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2021 at Denver, Colorado.

Wynne Shaw, Chair
Finance and Budget Committee
Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director

ATTACH C

To: Chair and Members of the Finance and Budget Committee

From: Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director
303-480-6747 or drex@drcog.org

Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
September 15, 2021	Action	4

SUBJECT

This action is related to the distribution of FFY2022 Nutrition Service Incentive Program (NSIP) funds.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

DRCOG staff recommends that the Finance and Budget Committee authorize the Executive Director to distribute 2022 NSIP funds.

ACTION BY OTHERS

N/A

SUMMARY

NSIP is a federal nutrition program for older adults authorized by the Older Americans Act (OAA). Through the State Unit on Aging, NSIP funds are awarded to DRCOG and other Area Agencies on Aging in proportion to the number of OAA meals served throughout the state in the previous year. Because FFY2022 is not considered a normal year for meal counts due to the impact of the current COVID-19 pandemic, FFY2021 NSIP is based on FFY2019 counts instead of FFY2020 or FFY2021. The amount allocated to the DRCOG AAA shall be distributed to OAA-funded nutrition providers, namely Volunteers of America (VOA) and Project AngelHeart.

Neither DRCOG nor the State are aware of the exact number of dollars DRCOG will receive in 2020, however DRCOG anticipates receiving approximately \$580,000. By adopting this resolution, the Finance and Budget Committee is authorizing 2022 NSIP funds to be distributed to VOA and Project AngelHeart.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

N/A

PROPOSED MOTION

Move to approve a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to distribute approximately \$580,000 in 2022 NSIP funds to contracted nutrition providers.

ATTACHMENT

N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
STATE OF COLORADO

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. __, 2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO DISTRIBUTE APPROXIMATELY \$580,000 IN 2022 NUTRITION SERVICE INCENTIVE PROGRAM (NSIP) FUNDS TO CONTRACTED NUTRITION PROVIDERS.

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that Congress will authorize and appropriate NSIP funds for the nutrition program in federal FY 2022 under the provisions of Title III of the Older Americans Act (OAA), as amended, and distribute the funds to states; and

WHEREAS, through the State Unit on Aging division of the Colorado Department of Human Services it is anticipated that 2022 NSIP funds will be allocated proportionately to the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA); and

WHEREAS, the Denver Regional Council of Governments is designated by the State to receive and distribute NSIP funds as the Area Agency on Aging for the eight-county metro region; and

WHEREAS, the Denver Regional Council of Governments will distribute the NSIP funds to contracted OAA nutrition providers;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Finance and Budget Committee authorizes the Executive Director to distribute approximately \$580,000 in 2022 NSIP funds to contracted nutrition providers.

RESOLVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2021 at Denver, Colorado.

Wynne Shaw, Chair
Finance and Budget Committee
Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director