

Finance and Budget Committee Meeting Summary

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

Held via Zoom

Members Present

Rich Kondo, Chair	City of Northglenn
Steve O’Dorisio	Adams County
Jeff Baker	Arapahoe County
Claire Levy	Boulder County
Adam Paul	City and County of Denver
Angela Lawson	Aurora
Paul Haseman	Golden
Stephen Barr	Littleton
Nichole Sterling	Nederland

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

Chair Rich Kondo called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

Move to approve consent agenda

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

Items on the consent agenda included:

- Summary of the July 17, 2024 special meeting

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept federal grant funds through the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program in the amount of \$199,705,797 for a period of approximately five years upon contract execution to implement the Decarbonize DRCOG program.

Robert Spotts provided an overview of the use for these funds to the directors. On July 22, 2024, DRCOG was notified that its application to the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) opportunity was accepted. The grant award will provide \$199,705,797 to implement a regional building decarbonization program, currently titled Decarbonize DRCOG, with focused investment in underserved low-income and disadvantaged communities. DRCOG will serve as the primary project manager for Decarbonize DRCOG and lead the facilitation and stewardship of the project. The program will establish several coordinated initiatives to reduce carbon pollution from buildings. Each initiative will require consultant support, hired through Request for Proposal processes, and address specific environmental and industry challenges and improve air quality and public health in the Denver region and promote sustainability across the region.

Director Haseman **moved** to approve **Resolution Number 31, 2024**, authorizing the Executive Director to accept federal grant funds through the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program in the amount of \$199,705,797 for a period of approximately five years upon contract execution to implement the Decarbonize DRCOG program. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with the Colorado Refugee Services Program of approximately \$300,000 for the term of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 in support of DRCOG's Older Adult Refugees and Friends program.

Jayla Sanchez-Warren provided an overview of the contract to the directors. DRCOG's Area Agency on Aging has received federal funds through CRSP to provide education and assistance to older refugees residing in the Denver metro region since 2012. Earlier this year, CRSP moved from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Labor and Employment and issued a new round of funding under its Thrive grant program. DRCOG staff submitted a funding application for services that included resource navigation and case management, as well as health promotion and education. CRSP recently notified DRCOG that it intends to issue an award of up to the \$300,000 requested. Any award from CRSP shall be included with Older Americans Act funding to serve the community of older refugees and immigrants in the region.

Director Paul **moved** to approve **Resolution Number 32, 2024**, authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with the Colorado Refugee Services Program of approximately \$300,000 for the term of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 in support of DRCOG's Older Adult Refugees and Friends program. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Report of the Chair

Chair Kondo wanted to remind members of the annual awards celebration taking place on August 28.

Report of the Executive Director

Executive Director Rex also wanted to remind members of the annual awards celebration taking place on August 28 at Seawell Ballroom.

Next meeting – September 18, 2024

Other matters by members

There were no other matters by members.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.