



COLORADO
Department of Local Affairs
Division of Local Government

May 14, 2025

The Honorable Steve Douglas, Mayor
City of Commerce City
7887 E. 60th Ave.,
Commerce City, CO 80022

RE: DCFA-19-046 Commerce City 2020 Court Appointed Counsel
Notice of Intent to Award Funds and Next Steps

Dear Mayor Douglas:

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) has reviewed the Defense Counsel First Appearance Grant Program (DCFA) contract for the Commerce City Court Appointed Counsel and determined to make an award of \$2,500, bringing the total amount awarded to your community to \$53,500. These funds are set in statute and will expire on 6/30/2026.

Your Grant Agreement will be unilaterally signed by the State. Grantees of these funds do not need to sign and return the document packet to DOLA. You will receive the fully executed Grant Award Letter including the Terms and Conditions packet via email only. Your submission of a reimbursement request is your acceptance of the Grant Award Terms and Conditions.

Funds for this grant will be from state general fund dollars, which may cause you to go to election to receive and spend them. You should confer with your legal and budget advisors to determine if such an election is necessary. Please contact the Program Manager, Mitchell Craddock, at (303) 815-7078 for information on how to proceed. Thank you for your interest in the Defense Counsel First Appearance Grant Program.

Sincerely,

Eric Bergman
Director of Local Government

CC: Beth Lipscomb, Internal Services Manager
Matt Hauther, City of Commerce City, Grants Administrator

