



July 28th, 2023

The Honorable Benjamin A. Huseman
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 Supplemental Funds and Next Steps

Dear Mayor Huseman:

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) has reviewed your request for the Defense Counsel First Appearance Grant Program (DCFA). In response to your recent request, I am pleased to inform you that I approve of your selection to receive an award of supplemental funds in the amount of \$13,000 bringing the total amount awarded to your community to \$51,000. Your existing contract will be revised to reflect this funding. These funds are set in statute and will expire on 06/30/2025. Expenditure of State funds prior to the contract being fully executed cannot be included in the contract budget or reimbursed by the State.

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 Terms and Conditions packet via email only. Your submission of reimbursement requests 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,

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Director, Division of Local Government

CC: Dave Bowman, Deputy Director, Division of Local Government
Tamra Norton, Director of Financial Assistance
Su Myung, City of Commerce City, Court Administrator

