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## Council Communication

File Number: Ord 2332

**Agenda Date:** 6/21/2021

**Version:** 1

**Status:** ATS Review

**In Control:** City Council

**File Type:** Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO BY THE RECOGNITION OF THE DEFENSE COUNSEL FIRST APPEARANCE GRANT OF \$15,000 FOR THE DEFENSE COUNSEL FIRST APPEARANCE PROGRAM AND THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE EXPENDITURE THEREOF.

### **Summary and Background Information:**

The Defense Counsel First Appearance Grant Program is to reimburse local governments, in part of full, for costs associated with the provision of defense counsel to defendants at their first appearances in municipal court.

Previously an ordinance approved the first round of funding at \$10,000; however per court staff those funds were not expended prior to the deadline. Due to the pandemic, very few parties were being arrested and held in detention facilities on qualified municipal charges. Staff will continue to log cases that qualify and use this new award for those expenditures.

**Staff Responsible (Department Head):** Sheryl Carstens, Director of Finance

**Staff Member Presenting:** No presentation, Sheryl Carstens or Cathy Blakeman will answer questions as needed

**Financial Impact:** \$15,000

**Funding Source:** Colorado - Department of Local Affairs (DOLA)

**Staff Recommendation:** Approve Ordinance 2332

**Suggested Motion:** Motion to approve Ordinance 2332