



City Council Communication

AGENDA DATE: April 20, 2026

LEGISTAR ITEM #: Ord 2776

PRESENTER: Theresa Wilson

DEPARTMENT: Finance

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ordinance | <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing |
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REQUEST

Approve an ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$40,000 in Opioid Settlement funds to the Commerce City Urban Renewal Authority. The purpose of the transfer is to provide supplemental funds needed to cover the cost of the Bridge House's Ready to Work program. The information contained in this communication is similar to the companion Resolution No. 2026-005, proposed for Authority approval to amend the Authority's budget to facilitate this transfer of \$40,000.

BACKGROUND

The City of Commerce City (City) signed on to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Colorado State Attorney General's Office and began receiving Opioid Settlement Funds in 2022. To date, the City has received approximately \$232,000 in Opioid Settlement Funds. The City spent just under \$20,000 of these funds to implement a new case management system for Community Well-Being in 2024. The City currently has approximately \$212,000 in Opioid Settlement Funds available for further expenditure and is expected to continue receiving additional funds each year between now and 2037 (roughly \$50,000 per year).

The City's 2026 Adopted Budget included an appropriation of \$50,000 in Opioid Settlement Funds for the Community Well-Being Division to provide services that fall within allowable uses of these funds under the MOU. Since the adoption of the 2026 Budget, the City has partnered with the Authority to provide services through the Bridge House's Ready to Work program.

The Bridge House team is intended to be a visible presence in Derby and Mile High Greyhound Park, cleaning up litter and debris in public spaces,

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weeding public sidewalks and landscaping, and other light duties. Since this program offers support to those attempting to break cycles of homelessness, incarceration, and chronic unemployment, program costs fall within allowable costs under the MOU. Specifically, these services fall within approved purposes A (Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder and its Affects) and E (People in Treatment and Recovery). Bridge House’s Ready to Work program provides recovery and treatment services. In addition, they also provide housing and employment for those in recovery.

The City would like to use the \$50,000 in Opioid Settlement Funds budgeted in 2026 in the following ways:

- Transfer \$40,000 to the Authority for use to contract with Bridge House to provide services within the Derby and MHGP areas.
- Use the remaining \$10,000 for use by the City to contract with Bridge House to provide similar services in areas outside of the Authority.

This Budget Amendment Resolution is brought forward to facilitate the acceptance and appropriation of these funds for the purposes specified above.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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| Contractor | Bridge House |
| Amount of Request/Contract | \$40,000 |
| Amount Not To Exceed | \$40,000 |
| Amount Budgeted | \$0 |
| Budget Year | FY2026 |
| Funding Source | N/A |
| Additional Funds Needed | \$40,000 |
| Funding Source (if funds needed) | Opioid Settlement Funds |

PROJECT TIMELINE

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| Estimated Start Date | Estimated End Date |
| As soon as approved | May 1, 2027 |
| Years and Months of Contract | Number of Times Renewable |

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| 1 years, 0 months | Renewable by URA, four additional 12-month extensions |
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JUSTIFICATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Council Goal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strategic Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Work Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal |
| Citation | <p>Economic Development Strategic Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3.1.2 Establish or support a formal effort intended to clean up and beautify primary thoroughfares. - 3.2.1 Work with appropriate partners to improve perceptions of public safety. | | |

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS ASSIGNED

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| Board or Commission | Urban Renewal Authority Board |
| Recommendation | Anticipated approval |
| Date of Recommendation | May 11, 2026 |

AVAILABLE ACTIONS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available Action #1. Approve Ordinance as Submitted. • Available Action #2. Approve with Conditions or Amendments. • Available Action #3. Continue the Item for Further Review. This action would postpone award of the contract and could impact the project timeline. • Available Action #4. Take No Action / Maintain Status Quo. City Council may decline to approve the ordinance and not move forward with the project. |
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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| e.g. Staff recommends action #1, approval of the item. |
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