



City Council Communication

AGENDA DATE: February 2, 2026 **LEGISTAR ITEM #:** Ord 2746

SUBMITTED BY: Theresa Wilson **DEPARTMENT:** Finance

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

Approve an ordinance to amend the 2026 Budget by recognition of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources ("DNR") Colorado Water Conservation Board ("CWCB") Colorado Water Plan Grant in the amount of \$47,257.75.

BACKGROUND

This grant will create an amendment to the 2026 budget of the City of Commerce City, Colorado for the recognition of grant funds from the Colorado Water Plan Grant Program in the amount of \$47,257.75.

The Colorado Water Plan Grant will be used to construct two Xeriscape Demonstration Gardens, one at Bison Ridge Recreation Center and another at Monaco Park. The City completed the Xeriscape Demonstration Garden design project in June 2025, which created construction, planting and irrigation design for these two demonstration gardens.

The total cost to construct the two gardens is expected to be \$94,515.50. The CWCB grant covers half of this total cost (\$47,257.75). The required match for the other half was secured through Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) funding in Fall 2025 (\$47,257.75). A total of \$315,000 in SEP funding was appropriated as an amendment to the 2026 Budget via Ordinance No. 2734, passed on January 5, 2026. The \$47,257.75 match will be provided within this \$315,000 SEP funding amount.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Contractor	Dept. of Natural Resources
Amount of Request/Contract	\$47,257.75

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Amount Not To Exceed	\$N/A
Amount Budgeted	\$N/A
Budget Year	FY2026
Funding Source	Colorado Water Plan Grant Funds
Additional Funds Needed	\$N/A
Funding Source (if funds needed)	N/A

PROJECT TIMELINE

Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date
December 8, 2025	January 1, 2031
Years and Months of Contract	Number of Times Renewable
60 months	N/A

JUSTIFICATION

<input type="checkbox"/> Council Goal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strategic Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal
Citation	Strategy 3.5- Protect public and environmental health by updating city policies and practices outlined by the EPAC Action Plan.		

AVAILABLE ACTIONS

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Available Action #1 – Approved Ord 2746 as submitted.• Available Action #2 – Opt not to approve and not move forward with accepting grant funds.• Available Action #3 – Provide alternative direction to City staff.• Available Action #4 – N/A
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Action #1, approve as submitted.
