City Council Communication

AGENDA DATE: August 4, 2025 **LEGISTAR ITEM #:** Ord 2692

SUBMITTED BY: Matt Hauther **DEPARTMENT:** Finance

☒Ordinance	☐Resolution	☐Public Hearing

REQUEST

Approve an ordinance to amend the 2025 Budget by recognition of the Colorado Department of Local Affairs ("DOLA") Defense Counsel First Appearance Grant Program in the amount of $2,500.

BACKGROUND

This grant will create an amendment to the 2025 Budget of the City of Commerce City, Colorado for the recognition of the funds from the Defense Counsel First Appearance Grant Program in the amount of $2,500. This grant program is intended to reimburse local governments for costs associated with the provision of defense counsel to certain defendants at their first appearances in municipal courts. The ordinance authorizes the expenditure of these funds accordingly.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Contractor	Dept. of Local Affairs
Amount of Request/Contract	$2,500
Amount Not To Exceed	$N/A
Amount Budgeted	$N/A
Budget Year	FY2025
Funding Source	Defense Council First Appearance Grant Funds
Additional Funds Needed	$N/A
Funding Source (if funds needed)	N/A

PROJECT TIMELINE

Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date
September 1, 2025	August 31, 2026
Years and Months of Contract	**Number of Times Renewable**

12 Months	N/A

JUSTIFICATION

☐Council Goal	☒Strategic Plan	☐Work Plan	☐Legal
Citation	Strategy 3.7 – Objective 3.7.3: Expand learning opportunities and programs for defendants at municipal court.		

AVAILABLE ACTIONS

- Available Action #1 – Approve Ordinance 2692 as submitted.
- Available Action #2 – Opt not to approve and forgo accepting grant funds.
- Available Action #3 – Provide alternative direction to City staff.
- Available Action #4 – N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Action #1, approve as submitted.