

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Honorable Chair and Members of the Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Joe Kerby, County Manager

**RE:** Denver Regional Council of Governments Green Workforce Hubs Grant Application – Housing, Economic and Employment Services (HEES) Division – Human Services Department

**Date:** 4/8/2025

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**Staff Recommendation:** That the Board of County Commissioners (a) authorizes the Business & Workforce Center to apply for and, if awarded, accept a subaward of a Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Green Workforce Hub Grant in the amount of up to \$1 million for four years; (b) authorizes the Executive Director of Human Services to sign a grant agreement with Arapahoe County for these funds, following approval as to form by the County Attorney’s Office; (c) directs that any grant funds awarded be included in a supplemental appropriation to Human Services’ budget; (d) authorizes the creation of two full- time, grant funded Career Specialist positions tied to the DRCOG Green Workforce Hubs Grant; and (e) supplement the General Fund budget as needed to accommodate additional Business Innovation and Technology (BIT) and Human Resources Full Time Employee) FTE costs as detailed in the Fiscal Impact section.

**Resolution No: CC25-091**

**Background:** Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) was awarded nearly \$200 million from the Environmental Protection Agency’s Climate Pollution Grants, aimed at reducing greenhouse gases and other harmful air pollutants. To support this effort DRCOG has released a Green Workforce Hubs grant aimed at developing the talent pipeline to fill these critical new industry jobs.

**Fiscal Impact:**  **yes**  **no**

This grant is intended to supplement the Human Services budgeted funds. However, should the federal funds for this Project be interrupted, Human Services Department is prepared to modify its other proposed project plans to fulfill its contractual obligations using budgeted funds.

- Year(s) of impact: 2025-2029, \$1M over a four-year period
- Existing grant or project: No
- New grant or project: Yes
- Requested in adopted budget: No
- Ongoing or one-time: Ongoing, BIT requires ongoing funding in the amounts of \$1,000 for enterprise software subscriptions and \$1,600 for staff support.
- General Fund impact: Yes, \$3,200 for additional BIT staff support, \$1500 for additional Human Resources staff support, and \$2,000 for BIT enterprise software subscriptions.
- Staffing impact: 2 FTE, Career Development Specialists, 0.02 BIT support staff, and .02 Human Resources support staff.
- Match requirements: N/A
- Mandate/Contractual obligation: No

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