



Vital Opportunities for Inclusion,
Choice, and Empowerment
2026 Mini Grants

May 11, 2026

Public Information Session

Addendum No. 1 (Snow Day!)

Info Session: moved to 5/11

Written Questions due: **5/13**

DHS responses: 5/18

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Link: [Addendum No. 1](#)



Agenda

1. What is the IDDEAS Mill Levy?
2. Mini Grants, Public Purpose, and VOICES
3. Review of VOICES Mini Grants RFMGA
4. Insurance Requirements
5. Next Steps (if awarded)
6. Review of Submitted Q&A
7. Live Q&A

Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Equitable Access to Services (IDDEAS)

Mission: IDDEAS partners with the community to manage local taxpayer dollars dedicated for Denver residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Vision: We strive to make Denver an inclusive community where people with I/DD feel welcome, valued and empowered to live the lives they envision for themselves.

IDDEAS

For more information on the IDDEAS program, please go to [Denvergov.org/IDDEAS](https://denvergov.org/IDDEAS).

The permitted use of IDDEAS mill levy funds is outlined in IDDEAS Mill Levy Ordinance D.R.M.C. 53-550 and the corresponding program rules:

[IDDEAS Mill Levy Ordinance](#)

[IDDEAS Mill Levy Program Rules](#)

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Eligibility & Access

I/DD mill levy funds have two primary eligibility requirements:

Person must have
a developmental
delay (age 0-5) or
I/DD*
(age 5+)

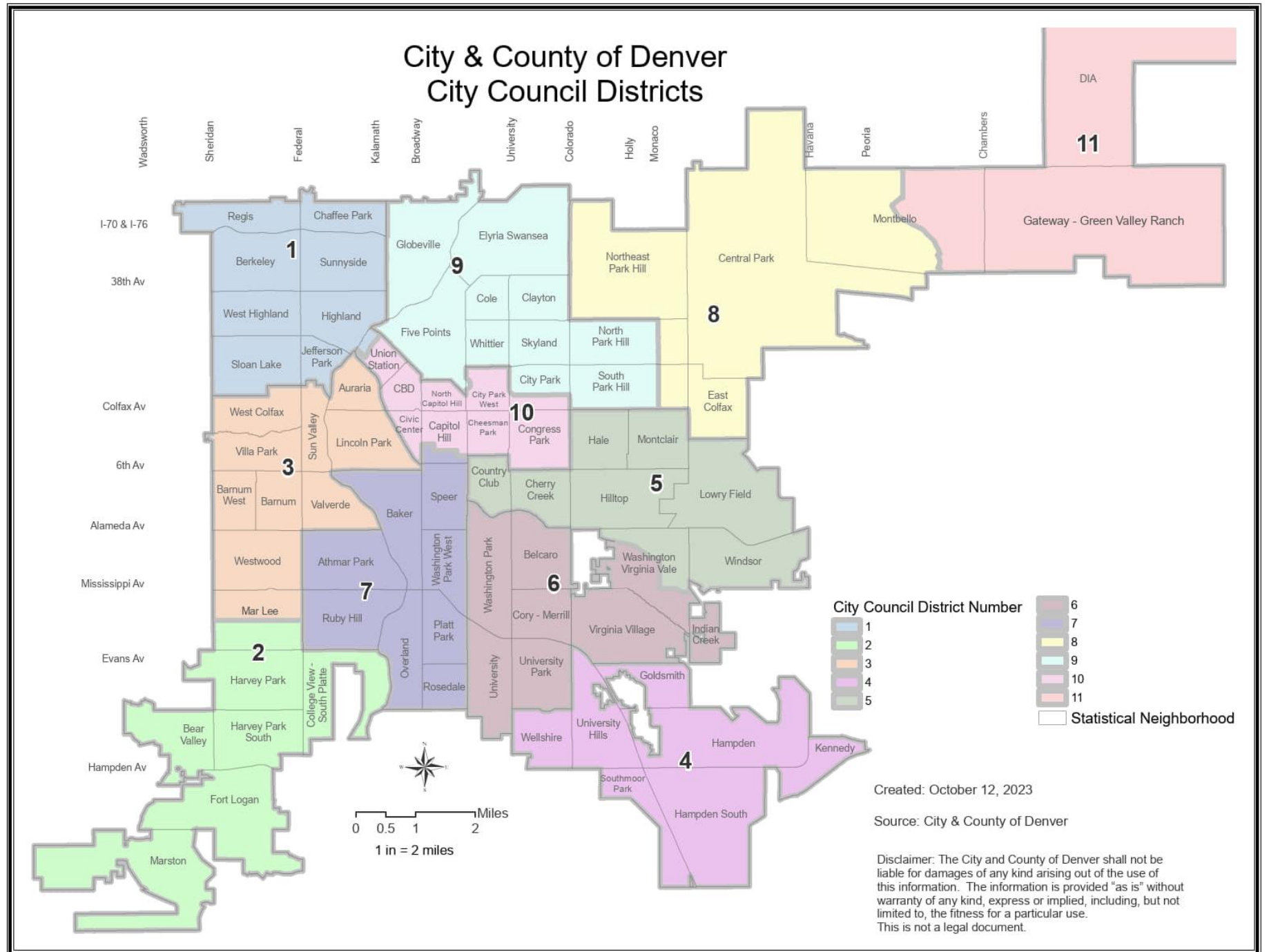
*This includes people who are suspected to have an I/DD and have not yet received a determination from a Case Management Agency.

Person must be a
Denver
resident**

**This includes people who are:

- undocumented;
- experiencing homelessness

Denver Map – online search



Mini Grants and Public Purpose

Public Purpose Requirement:

“A public purpose has an objective of promotion of the public health, safety, morals, general welfare, security, prosperity, and contentment of all the inhabitants or residents within a given political district. In this instance, a mini grant is a means of providing financial assistance to a non-city entity for the means of carrying out a public purpose authorized by a law of the City.”

VOICES Public Purpose

Public purpose of building a more vibrant and inclusive Denver by creating opportunities for residents with I/DD or developmental delay to participate meaningfully in their community, increase access to services, and elevate their voices. By doing this, the VOICES mini grant program aims to strengthen inclusivity, diversity, and connection for everyone in Denver.

VOICES Request for Mini Grant Applications (RFMGA) Important Links

[IDDEAS Funding Opportunities Website](#)

[VOICES RFMGA PDF Document](#)

[VOICES RFMGA Submittable Site](#)

VOICES RFMGA: What to Know

- Total funding - \$200,000
- Mini-grant amounts - between \$5,000 and up to \$40,000
- How to apply - on Submittable (<https://denver-dhs.submittable.com/submit>)
- **Due date** - May 22, 2026, by 4:00 P.M. MST
- Mini grant contract term (anticipated) - September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2027
- Insurance requirements
- Funds will be distributed in 3 installments (Section III. D. in RFMGA)

Materials to Submit:

Your application, including all information requested in each question.

All application materials should be done through [Submittable](#).

- Click "Guidelines" for all RFMGA documents and helpful resources
- Click "Submit" to begin the application process

DHS IDEAS VOICES 2026 Mini Grant

Ends on Fri, May 22, 2026 4:00 PM

Guidelines ▾

Submit

Proposal Scoring Criteria

See pages 16 to 17 of the [VOICES 2026 RFMGA PDF Document](#):

1. Organization Information: Qualifications, Experience, and Capacity – 15%
2. Service Delivery or Project Approach – 30%
3. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility – 30%
4. Performance Measures (Key Performance Indicators) – 15%
5. Budget and Cost Narrative – 10%

All proposals will be reviewed based on these criteria.

Insurance Requirements

Denver requires all external contractors to have certain insurance coverage (RFMGA Attachment 2)

- You will need the base coverages (CGL, BA, WC) and will likely need additional coverages (Cyber, PL, and SA&M)
 - Determined by the City's Risk Department
 - Additional coverages are required due to vulnerable population(s) served
- If selected for award, you will be asked to provide a current Certificate of Insurance (COI) with the necessary coverages during contract development (proof of coverage not required to apply for the RFMGA)
 - Your COI must name the City of Denver as an "Additional Insured" party to your policy
 - Example COI in RFMGA Attachment 2

Next Steps – If Awarded

Scope of Work (SOW) Development: begin ASAP after July 10*

- Based on information provided in proposal
- Collaboration between contractor, IDDEAS, and CA
- Includes review by Risk to determine insurance
- Contractor verification and document collection (COI, W9, SOS, etc.)

Agreement Development and Execution

- Agreement prepared (RFMGA Attachment 1)
- SOW attached as an exhibit
- Agreement finalized, processed, and executed

Services begin: September 1*

(*estimated)

Live Q&A

Please ask any questions you may have! We will record them and publish our answers.

We are accepting questions until May 13, 2026 and will post the final responses in Submittable on May 18, 2026.

RMHS Community Initiatives

Rocky Mountain Human Services also has an open funding opportunity! See their [Community Initiatives website](#) for more information.

Please note: a single proposal **cannot** be funded by both the RMHS program and the VOICES mini grants simultaneously.

Thank you!

Please reach out to
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additional questions!

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