

A RESOLUTION

APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH JEFFERSON COUNTY, THE CITY OF ARVADA, THE CITY OF EDGEWATER, THE CITY OF GOLDEN, THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER, AND THE CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE CONCERNING OPERATIONAL FUNDING FOR THE NAVIGATION CENTER

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 29-1-203-203.5, as amended, the City of Lakewood (the “City”) and other governmental entities have the authority to cooperate and contract via Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs);

WHEREAS, the Parties are members of the Jeffco Homeless Navigation Collaborative which focuses on reducing homelessness within Jefferson County, Colorado;

WHEREAS, the Parties have worked together on regional housing solutions for unhoused residents in Jefferson County for many years with a specific focus on opening a navigation center(s) within Jefferson County;

WHEREAS, the Parties most recently participated in the 2026 Spring Forum on Homelessness (“Spring Forum”) to address and plan for a regional homelessness response;

WHEREAS, one of the Key Outcomes from the Spring Forum was establishing a Navigation Center for north Jefferson County alongside sustaining operations of the Volunteers of America (VOAC) Navigation Center in Lakewood;

WHEREAS, the minimum annual cost to operate the VOAC Navigation Center in Lakewood from January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027 is three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00);

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to enter into this IGA to commit to a collaborative, regional approach for the continued success of the VOAC Navigation Center in Lakewood;

WHEREAS, beginning in the first quarter of 2027, the Parties intend to collaborate and negotiate a longer-term IGA that takes into consideration factors such as each jurisdiction’s budget cycle and includes a percentage contribution formula linked to the homelessness population Point-in-Time count of each jurisdiction served by the VOAC Navigation Center in Lakewood, rather than each jurisdiction’s general population;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that intergovernmental cooperation between and among the Parties promotes the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, the City Council therefore desires to enter into the IGA in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Colorado, that:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby finds and determines that authorizing the City Manager to enter into an IGA, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment A, between the City, the County, and the Cities of Arvada, Edgewater, Golden, Westminster, and Wheat Ridge to provide operational funding for the VOAC Navigation Center in Lakewood is and shall be in the best interest of the residents of the City.

SECTION 2. The City Council authorizes the City Manager or designee to execute the IGA on behalf of the City.

SECTION 3. The City's Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to collect and remit payments not exceeding six hundred and forty-five thousand five hundred dollars (\$645,500.00) for the City's share of the operational funding as reflected in the attached "IGA Concerning Operational Funding for the Navigation Center."

SECTION 4. The City Council authorizes the City Attorney, in consultation with the City Manager, to negotiate and make changes to the IGA as may be necessary, provided that such changes do not increase the financial obligations of the City.

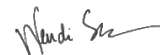
SECTION 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon signature.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED by a vote of 11 for and 0 against at a hybrid regular meeting of the City Council on September 28, 2026, at 7 o'clock p.m., at the Lakewood Civic Center, 480 South Allison Parkway, Lakewood, Colorado.

ATTEST:



Jay Robb, City Clerk



Wendi Strom, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Alison McKenney Brown, City Attorney