

Resolution: MOU Regarding Fiscal Agency Services

CITY COUNCIL - December 16, 2025

City Staff Representative: Department:

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Purpose

Request City Council approval of a resolution to approve a memorandum of understanding between the City of Brighton and the 17th Judicial District's Youth Resource and Assessment Center (YRAC) for the City to serve as the fiscal agency for the YRAC.

What is YRAC?

- The YRAC is a non-profit, multijurisdictional effort to provide assessment, intervention, and resource services for youth in Adams County.
- The Goal of YRAC is to assess youth at risk and provide early, preventative support to young people and families before they reach a critical point or become involved in serious or violent offenses.
- This goal is achieved by meeting youth and families where they are, prioritizing access to timely services and interventions over entry into the justice or human services system

Background

- 2023-The previous juvenile assessment center for the 17th Judicial District, The Link, permanently closed after being non-operational for an extended period.
- August 2023-Stakeholder meeting between cities, school districts, police departments and others to begin planning for a renewed and improved Juvenile Assessment Center.
 - Resulted in the formation of a Task Force to lead the establishment of a new 501(c)(3) organization to fill the gaps left by the closure of the LINK.
- October 2024-Received redistribution of ARPA funds from Adams County as funding to hire a startup Executive Director and facility space.
- March 2025-Hired startup director
- October 2025-Acquired rent free, dedicated space from 27J at 1850 E
 Egbert St

Fiscal Agency Services

- Modeled after the successful partnership between the Ralston House and the City of Arvada, which serves as their fiscal agency, with the goals of:
 - Enhancing stability, employee retention and legitimacy.
 - Ensure the YRAC is a strong and sustainable organization worthy of future funding opportunities.
- City of Brighton would serve as the employer of record providing the following:
 - Human Resources support for YRAC employees, including recruitment, payroll, benefits administration, and compliance with employment laws
 - As needed assistance and support with procurement
 - Limited assistance and support from IT

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- YRAC would remain responsible for all actual costs incurred by the city on behalf of YRAC, to include payroll and benefits.
 - Invoiced by the city to YRAC on a bi-weekly basis
- YRAC board of Directors will maintain ongoing oversight and governance of all YRAC programs and services, including maintaining its status as a Colorado non-profit corporation in good standing.
- In exchange for serving as the fiscal agency, the City would not be charged any annual fees or costs for participation in YRAC"s programs and services.
 - Anticipated City of Brighton 2026 contribution was approximately \$78,000

Staff recommendation

 Staff recommends approval of the resolution and MOU between the City of Brighton and the YRAC

Options For Council:

- Accept as proposed
- Deny as proposed
- Accept with modifications

Questions?