



**DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
Monday November 17, 2025**

A G E N D A

- 1:30 p.m. -Football Stadium District Retained Funds Request
- Douglas County Health Department Update to the Board of
County Commissioners

Agenda Item

Date: November 17, 2025
To: Douglas County Board of County Commissioners
Through: Douglas J. DeBord, County Manager
From: Maureen Waller, Special Projects Manager
CC: Jennifer Eby, Director, Community Services
Subject: Football Stadium District Retained Funds Request

Douglas County received \$939,363.21 from the Metropolitan Football Stadium District (MFSD). This memo provides background information on the funding source and outlines the County's process leading up to today's discussion regarding a request for the \$113,686.21 in retained funds.

Background

In 1998, the General Assembly established the Metropolitan Football Stadium District as a special taxing entity to fund reconstruction of Mile High Stadium. A 0.1% sales tax was approved by voters within the District and collected from 2001 through 2011.

When the Denver Broncos franchise was sold, the sale triggered a provision of the MFSD Act that requires a one-time payment of 2% of the gross profit from the sale to be distributed to participating jurisdictions, in proportion to the sales tax collected within each jurisdiction.

Douglas County's share, based on sales tax collected from unincorporated areas of the County that lie within the District, amounted to \$939,363.21

State statute specifies that funds can be used for "youth activity programs," a term left undefined in the MFSD Act.

County Process and Activities

- July 5, 2023: the County issued a call for proposals for "youth activities programs." Applications were due on July 28, 2023.
- 45 applications were received.
- August 2023: Staff met twice with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss the process.
- The Board asked to have the Douglas County Youth Commission review grant applications and provide funding recommendations.
- The Youth Commission met twice and recommended funding 31 of the requests for a total of \$825,677.
- Youth recommendations were shared with the Board on September 18, 2023.
- A live town hall to solicit input from the public was held September 27, 2023.

- At the October 24, 2023 work session, the Board voted to accept the Youth Commission's recommendations and to retain \$113,686.21 for innovative mental health programming.
- January 23, 2024: Grant agreements were executed, and checks were distributed to the 31 approved organizations during a Business Meeting.

Today

The Aspen Effect will request the allocation of the retained funds for their innovative mental health programming for youth.

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To: Douglas County Board of County Commissioners
Through: Douglas J. DeBord, County Manager
From: Michael Hill, Director, Public Health
Subject: Douglas County Health Department Update to the Board of County Commissioners

The Health Department continues to deliver high-quality services to Douglas County residents. Key developments over the past year include expanded interagency collaboration, strategic health assessments, infectious disease monitoring, and operational enhancements as well as office relocation. Some highlights are listed below.

We were lucky to recruit a local physician to serve in the Medical Officer role for the department following the retirement of Dr. Smith at the end of 2024. Dr. Kamran Dastoury has been doing a good job of supporting our staff when needed.

DCHD worked with Advent Health hospitals to perform a Community Health Needs Assessment. This collaboration means that residents are asked for input and information once by three entities in the county instead of three separate asks. By working with Advent Health, we will be doing more frequent assessments while reducing the costs for each organization.

This year had many Measles outbreaks around the country, including several cases in Colorado. Luckily there were no confirmed cases in Douglas County; however, our disease surveillance staff was kept very busy investigation potential cases and those who were potentially exposed in other counties or states.

We have continued to support the Healthy Families Partnership which was originally proposed by Commissioner Laydon. DCHD provides both staff support and financial support by paying for sleep sacks and informational packets which are distributed to new mothers following births at any of the hospitals in Douglas County. This group has grown to include many community partners and is expanding its interests to improve health of all family members from birth onward.

Our department moved into our new location at Lansing Point, this has been a very good move for DCHD, allowing us to better serve our residents and making a great improvement in employee morale as the staff sees the investment by Douglas County in their work.

Following our earlier collaboration on a new Community Health Needs Assessment, DCHD is working with Omni to develop a Public Health Improvement Plan based on the assessment. This plan will guide our work over the coming three years.

Funding provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, through CDPHE, has allowed us to pay for staff to travel to many professional conferences over the past year. Staff have gained knowledge, made new contacts and increased their enthusiasm for the field of public health. Conferences supported through this funding included the annual meetings of the American Public Health Association, the National Association of County and City Health Officials and the National Environmental Health Association. The funding which runs through next year allows staff not covered by other grants to learn more about their field.

On the financial front, DCHD has been very successful in finding funding to support our work, which means that we will enter our fifth year as a department without asking the county for any more money from the general fund than we did in 2022. Even with some shortfalls in a few federal and state funding streams, we have obtained other grants and increases to existing grants that will allow us to maintain or even expand the services we provide. We are very likely to start another large grant in January which will allow us to re-fill some positions that we kept vacant for a few months while monitoring the federal and state uncertainty.

Creative work by our Vital Records staff has allowed us to generate revenue through state authorized fees that cover the cost of that office as well as a large part of our administrative overhead costs. At the transition from Tri-County Health Department to DCHD, we were told to expect \$60,000 per year in vital records fees but are currently generating nearly \$400,000 by working with the state to be a preferred provider for these services and by providing excellent services to local funeral homes who then direct their death certificate needs to our office.

The department is well on its way to achieving national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board in 2026. This acknowledges that our department (which I was told was impossible to build and would never succeed) has met all the standards that a community should expect from their local health department.