

**MEETING DATE:** January 27, 2026

**STAFF PERSON  
RESPONSIBLE:** Maureen Waller, Special Projects Manager

**DESCRIPTION:** Request to Approve a Public Contract for Services Between Douglas County, Region 12 Opioid Council, and The Aspen Effect, Inc. for Youth Substance use Prevention and Family Resilience Programming in the Amount of \$100,000.00.

**SUMMARY:** This contract provides \$100,000 in opioid settlement funds to The Aspen Effect, Inc. for programs aimed at preventing youth substance use and strengthening family resilience in Douglas County. Services will include nature-based mentoring, animal-assisted experiences, parent support initiatives, and program evaluation. The contract term runs through December 31, 2026.

**RECOMMENDED  
ACTION:** Approval of the Public Contract for Services between Douglas County, Region 12 Opioid Council, and The Aspen Effect, Inc.

**REVIEW:**

Doug DeBord	Approve	1/21/2026
Jeff Garcia	Approve	1/21/2026
Christie Guthrie	Approve	1/21/2026

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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