



Please **SUPPORT** R-01 Governor’s Office of Information Technology

**WHAT IS COLORADO DIGITAL SERVICE?**

CDS is a new team within the Office of Information Technology (OIT) that **recruits the top private-sector product managers, designers, and engineers to support the delivery of citizen-facing digital services and IT projects across state government.**

CDS is structured after similar successful initiatives deployed on the Federal level (US Digital Service, 18F) and by states (CA, GA, MA, NJ, CT). Digital service teams work in tandem with OIT and other agency personnel. Members of the digital service join the team for a “tour of service” lasting between six months and two years.

**JTC and JBC recommended funding** due to *immediate benefit to taxpayers* and *prevent further delays to HRWorks and other critical projects*. After the 2019 session ended there was new information around the upcoming costs for HRWorks and the cost savings of moving the project to an agile methodology with a digital service team. JBC considered this new information under the 1331 definitions.

**MEASURING IMPACT**

The vision for CDS is to **deliver a substantial return on investment for the state** with a small team of top talent working within OIT.

**SAVINGS TO DATE\***

A cost avoidance of **\$782,000** has been estimated

<b>Software Modernization: HRWorks</b>	CDS provided a pathway to adopt an agile development framework for the HRWorks project. As a result, DPA renegotiated contracts that resulted in an estimated savings of <b>\$2.7M</b> . CDS also provided <b>\$40K</b> in estimated labor cost avoidance.
<b>Operational Agile Deployment: Budgeting for Agile Projects Workshop</b>	18F and CDS are scoping a budgeting workshop specific to agile technology projects with an agency that receives federal funds to improve project outcomes and improve legislative budget oversight. Estimated Cost Avoidance: <b>\$141K</b>
<b>Talent Pipeline: Recruiting top talent into state government at cost savings and referring dozens of vetted candidates to open roles across the state.</b>	500 engineers, product managers, and user designers have applied to join the team. CDS has hired five directly, vetted an additional 150, and referred them to agencies. Estimated cost avoidance when compared to outside recruiter rates: <b>\$111K</b>
<b>Discovery Sprint: Child Welfare Expenditures-County Financial Management System Analysis</b>	CDS provided the discovery sprint in lieu of hiring an outside vendor, avoiding procurement time and resources to an estimate of: <b>\$490K</b>

*\*Detailed calculations available upon request*

**WHAT IS THE FUNDING REQUEST?**

The Governor's Office of Information Technology has submitted a budget request totaling **\$1,240,560 for FY 2020-2021**. HB20-1245: The Governor's Office of Information Technology has an initial investment of **\$754,946 for FY 2019-20** to get this program off the ground.

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