

Colorado Urban Renewal Law¹

§ 31-25-105. Powers of an authority.

(1) Every authority has all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this part 1, including, but not limited to, the following powers in addition to others granted in this part 1:

(a) To sue and to be sued; to adopt and have a seal and to alter the same at pleasure; to have perpetual succession; to make, and from time to time amend and repeal, bylaws, orders, rules, and regulations to effectuate the provisions of this part 1;

(b) To undertake urban renewal projects and to make and execute any and all contracts and other instruments which it may deem necessary or convenient to the exercise of its powers under this part 1, including, but not limited to, contracts for advances, loans, grants, and contributions from the federal government or any other source;

(c) To arrange for the furnishing or repair by any person or public body of services, privileges, works, streets, roads, public utilities, or educational or other facilities for or in connection with a project of the authority; to dedicate property acquired or held by it for public works, improvements, facilities, utilities, and purposes; and to agree, in connection with any of its contracts, to any conditions that it deems reasonable and appropriate under this part 1, including, but not limited to, conditions attached to federal financial assistance, and to include in any contract made or let in connection with any project of the authority provisions to fulfill such of said conditions as it may deem reasonable and appropriate;

(d) To arrange with the municipality or other public body to plan, replan, zone, or rezone any part of the area of the municipality or of such other public body, as the case may be, in connection with any project proposed or being undertaken by the authority under this part 1;

(e) To enter, with the consent of the owner, upon any building or property in order to make surveys or appraisals and to obtain an order for this purpose from a court of competent jurisdiction in the event entry is denied or resisted; to acquire any property

¹Section 31-25-105 is one of 16 statutory sections comprising the Colorado Urban Renewal Law. The statutes in the entirety are at sections 31-25-101 to -115. To read these statutes, visit www.michie.com/colorado.html.

by purchase, lease, option, gift, grant, bequest, devise, or otherwise to acquire any interest in property by condemnation, including a fee simple absolute title thereto, in the manner provided by the laws of this state for the exercise of the power of eminent domain by any other public body (and property already devoted to a public use may be acquired in a like manner except that no property belonging to the federal government or to a public body may be acquired without its consent); except that any acquisition of any interest in property by condemnation by an authority must be approved as part of an urban renewal plan or substantial modification thereof, as provided in section 31-25-107, by a majority vote of the governing body of the municipality in which such property is located, and the acquisition of property by condemnation by an authority shall also satisfy the requirements of section 31-25-105.5; to hold, improve, clear, or prepare for redevelopment any such property; to mortgage, pledge, hypothecate, or otherwise encumber or dispose of its property; and to insure or provide for the insurance of any property or operations of the authority against any risks or hazards; except that no provision of any other law with respect to the planning or undertaking of projects or the acquisition, clearance, or disposition of property by public bodies shall restrict an authority exercising powers under this part 1 in the exercise of such functions with respect to a project of such authority unless the general assembly specifically so states;

(f) (I) To invest any of its funds not required for immediate disbursement in property or in securities in which public bodies may legally invest funds subject to their control pursuant to part 6 of article 75 of title 24, C.R.S., and to redeem such bonds as it has issued at the redemption price established therein or to purchase such bonds at less than redemption price, all such bonds so redeemed or purchased to be cancelled;

(II) To deposit any funds not required for immediate disbursement in any depository authorized in section 24-75-603, C.R.S. For the purpose of making such deposits, the authority may appoint, by written resolution, one or more persons to act as custodians of the funds of the authority. Such persons shall give surety bonds in such amounts and form and for such purposes as the authority requires.

(g) To borrow money and to apply for and accept advances, loans, grants, and contributions from the federal government or other source for any of the purposes of this part 1 and to give such security as may be required;

(h) To make such appropriations and expenditures of its funds and to set up, establish, and maintain such general, separate, or special funds and bank accounts or other accounts as it deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this part 1;

(i) To make or have made and to submit or resubmit to the governing body for appropriate action the authority's proposed plans and modifications thereof necessary to the carrying out of the purposes of this part 1, such plan shall include, but not be limited to:

(I) Plans to assist the municipality in the latter's preparation of a workable program for utilizing appropriate private and public resources to eliminate and prevent the development or spread of slum and blighted areas, to encourage needed urban rehabilitation, to provide for the redevelopment of slum and blighted areas, or to undertake such activities or other feasible municipal activities as may be suitably employed to achieve the objectives of such workable program, which program may include, without limitation, provision for: The prevention of the spread of blight into areas of the municipality which are free from blight through diligent enforcement of housing, zoning, and occupancy controls and standards; the rehabilitation or conservation of slum and blighted areas or portions thereof by replanning, removing congestion, providing public improvements, and encouraging rehabilitation and repair of deteriorated or deteriorating structures; and the clearance and redevelopment of slum and blighted areas or portions thereof;

(II) Urban renewal plans;

(III) Preliminary plans outlining proposed urban renewal activities for neighborhoods of the municipality to embrace two or more urban renewal areas;

(IV) Plans for the relocation of those individuals, families, and business concerns situated in the urban renewal area which will be displaced by the urban renewal project, which relocation plans, without limitation, may include appropriate data setting forth a feasible method for the temporary relocation of such individuals and families and showing that there will be provided, in the urban renewal area or in other areas not generally less desirable in regard to public utilities and public and commercial facilities and at rents or prices within the financial means of the individuals and families so displaced, decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings equal in number to the number of and available to such individuals and families and reasonably accessible to their places of employment;

(V) Plans for undertaking a program of voluntary repair and rehabilitation of buildings and improvements and for the enforcement of state and local laws, codes, and regulations relating to the use of land and the use and occupancy of buildings and improvements and to the repair, rehabilitation, demolition, or removal of buildings and improvements;

(VI) Financing plans, maps, plats, appraisals, title searches, surveys, studies, and other preliminary plans and work necessary or pertinent to any proposed plans or modifications;

(j) To make reasonable relocation payments to or with respect to individuals, families, and business concerns situated in an urban renewal area that will be displaced as provided in subparagraph (IV) of paragraph (i) of this subsection (1) for moving expenses and actual direct losses of property including, for business concerns, goodwill and lost

profits that are reasonably related to relocation of the business, resulting from their displacement for which reimbursement or compensation is not otherwise made, including the making of such payments financed by the federal government;

(k) To develop, test, and report methods and techniques and to carry out demonstrations and other activities for the prevention and the elimination of slum and blighted areas within the municipality;

(l) To rent or to provide by any other means suitable quarters for the use of the authority or to accept the use of such quarters as may be furnished by the municipality or any other public body, and to equip such quarters with such furniture, furnishings, equipment, records, and supplies as the authority may deem necessary to enable it to exercise its powers under this part 1.