



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a not for profit service agreement in an amount up to \$76,143.00 with the Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority to administer a grant for the department's C-PACE program.

Ordinance 0924-2020 authorized the Director of Public Utilities, Division of Power to accept an award of an EcoSmart Choice Sustainability Grant in the amount of \$152,286.00 from American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP). Ordinance 1309-2020 authorized half of the grant amount (\$76,143.00) to be transferred to the Department of Development's C-PACE program to help fund energy projects for commercial customers of the Division of Power.

These services provided by Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority cannot be provided by existing city employees because these services are beyond the City's current staffing capacity to provide.

Emergency legislation is necessary in order to complete the energy projects before winter 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds for this project are available in the Private Grant Fund 2291, G602000.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: The vendor number is 009436 and expires 8/12/2023.

To authorize the appropriation and expenditure of \$76,143.00 in the Private Grant fund; to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a not for profit service agreement in an amount up to \$76,143.00 with the Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority to administer a grant for the department's C-PACE program; and to declare an emergency. (\$76,143.00)

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Utilities, Division of Power accepted an award of an EcoSmart Choice Sustainability Grant in the amount of up to \$152,286.00 from American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP) in 2020; and

WHEREAS, half of the grant funds, \$76,143.00, were allocated to the Department of Development to apply to the department's C-PACE program's energy projects; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Development Department will enter into a not for profit service agreement with the Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority (CFCFA) to administer a grant for department's C-PACE Program; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to enter into an agreement with Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority in order to complete the energy projects before winter 2022, all for the preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; and **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That from the unappropriated monies and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, the sum of \$76,143.00 is appropriated in Fund 2291 (Private Grant Fund), Dept-Div 44-02 (Economic Development), G602000,

object class 03 (Services) per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$76,143.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 2291 (Private Grant Fund), Dept-Div 4402 (Economic Development), Grant G602000 (EcoSmart Choice Sustainability Program Grant), object class 03 (Services) per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the Director of the Development Department is hereby authorized to enter into a not for profit service agreement, pursuant to Columbus City Code Section 329.30, with the Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority in an amount up to \$76,143.00 in order to administer the C-PACE Program.

SECTION 4. Funds are hereby deemed appropriated and expenditures and transfers authorized to carry out the purposes of this ordinance and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 5. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 6. At the end of the grant period, any repayment of unencumbered balances required by the grantor is hereby authorized and any unused City match monies may be transferred back to the City fund from which they originated in accordance with all applicable grant agreements.

SECTION 7. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.