

Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The State of Ohio received \$55.8 million in the second and third allocation of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) funds through the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). Residual funds will be administered by the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Community Development (OCD). OCD will use these funds for public services and public facilities projects to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus in both HUD entitlement and non-entitlement communities.

The City of Columbus, a HUD entitlement community, intends to apply for \$500,000.00 from the State of Ohio's CDBG-CV funding to grant to Sanctuary Collective (d.b.a. "Sanctuary Night)", a non-profit in Columbus serving low-income and homeless individuals in need of harm reduction services. Sanctuary Night is located at 1195 Sullivant Avenue. Sanctuary Night will utilize CDBG-CV funding from the State of Ohio for Phase II of the "Getting to 24/7" Program. In July 2022, the City of Columbus partnered with Sanctuary Night to develop Phase I of the "Getting to 24/7" Program. There is a current subaward agreement between the City and Sanctuary Night in the amount of \$100,000.00 funded with the City's HUD CDBG-CV allocation.

Upon approval of the application for State CDBG-CV funds, the City will enter into a Grant Agreement with the State of Ohio to accept the funding award. The City will also enter into a Subrecipient Agreement- NFP Service Contract with Sanctuary Night to award funds and stipulate performance measures and requirements.

The services provided by Sanctuary Night require expertise that cannot be provided by existing city employees.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$500,000.00 will be made available from the State's CDBG-CV funding, upon approval of a grant application, which will be granted to the City for Sanctuary Night's Phase II of the "Getting to 24/7" Program. These funds will be appropriated and expended from Fund 2248 (\$500,000.00).

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION: Emergency action is requested to ensure funding is provided as soon as possible to Sanctuary Night for the continued administration of services and programming necessary for the health, safety, and wellbeing of their clients.

To authorize the Director of Finance and Management to submit an application to the State of Ohio for \$500,000.00 of CDBG-CV funds; to authorize the City to enter into a Grant Agreement with the State of Ohio; to authorize the City to enter into a Subrecipient Agreement - NFP Service Contract with Sanctuary Night; to authorize the appropriation and expenditure of \$500,000.00 in CDBG-CV funds from Fund 2248; and to declare an emergency (\$500,000.00).

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio is accepting applications for CDBG-CV eligible projects through the Office of Community Development (OCD); and

WHEREAS, the City intends to submit an application for \$500,000.00 of the State's CDBG-CV funds for Sanctuary Night's Phase II of their 'Getting to 24/7' Program; and

WHEREAS, upon approval of the application for Phase II of the 'Getting to 24/7' Program, the City wishes to enter into a Grant Agreement with the State of Ohio to accept \$500,000.00 for the purposes outlined in the grant application; and

WHEREAS, upon entering into a Grant Agreement with the State of Ohio, the City wishes to enter into a Subrecipient Agreement - NFP Service Contract with Sanctuary Night to provide \$500,000.00 of CDBG-CV funding for Phase II of

their "Getting to 24/7" Program; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Director of the Department of Finance and Management to submit an application to the State of Ohio for \$500,000.00 of CDBG-CV funds to award to Sanctuary Night for Phase II of the 'Getting to 24/7' Program; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Director of the Department of Finance and Management to enter into a Grant Agreement with the State of Ohio upon approval of the application to accept \$500,000.00 of CDBG-CV funds; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Director of the Department of Finance and Management to enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with Sanctuary Night to award \$500,000.00 for Phase II of the 'Getting to 24/7' Program; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the appropriation and expenditure of \$500,000.00 of CDBG-CV funds from Fund 2248 according to the attached appropriation template; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Finance and Management in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of Finance and Management to submit an application to the State of Ohio so that the City can receive from the State of Ohio and enter into agreement with Sanctuary Night \$500,000.000 of CDBG-CV funds, in order to immediately address concerns for health, safety, and wellbeing of Sanctuary Night's clients, such immediate action is necessary for the preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1: That the Director of the Department of Finance and Management is authorized to submit an application to the State of Ohio for \$500,000.00 in CDBG-CV funds to award to Sanctuary Night.

SECTION 2. That the Director of the Department of Finance and Management is authorized to enter into a Grant Agreement with the State of Ohio to accept \$500,000.00 of CDBG-CV funds.

SECTION 3. That the Director of the Department of Finance and Management is authorized to enter into a Subrecipient Agreement-NFP Service contract with Sanctuary Night to award \$500,000.00 for Phase II of the 'Getting to 24/7' Program.

SECTION 4. That the appropriation and expenditure of \$500,000.00 of CDBG-CV funds from Fund 2248 is hereby authorized according to the attached appropriation template.

SECTION 5. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 6. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all modifications associated with this Ordinance.

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 passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.