



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND

This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a Grant Agreement with Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, to advance planning, design and construction of the new expansion to continue, providing more families with accommodations, comfort, care and support while their child is hospitalized.

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio, Inc., is a non-profit organization located just south of Nationwide Children's Hospital right across E. Livingston Avenue. Their mission is to provide families accommodations, comfort, care, and support while their child is hospitalized. Recently, the Ronald McDonald House, located on Parcel No. 010-028748-00, broke ground on their new expansion. Once complete, the new expansion will provide an additional 80 guest rooms to accommodate more families, new community rooms, expanded kitchen and dining area, green space for families, and necessary renovations to the existing buildings. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$28 million.

FISCAL IMPACTS

Funding in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 is available through the Department of Development's 2023 Capital Improvement Budget within the Development Taxable Bonds Fund, Fund 7739. The funding will need to be authorized for expenditure from Fund 7739.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE

The vendor number is 043001 and contract compliance expires on 9/12/24.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a Grant Agreement with Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, to advance the planning, design and construction of the new expansion to their facility located at 711 E. Livingston Avenue across from Nationwide Children's Hospital; and to authorize the expenditure of \$1,000,000.00 from the Development Taxable Bond Fund. (\$1,000,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio, Inc., is a non-profit organization that helps reduce the financial burden for families when they must travel far from home to access medical care for their child; and

WHEREAS, the Ronald McDonald house at 711 East Livingston Avenue needs to expand its facility to construct 80 new guest rooms, new community rooms, an expanded kitchen and dining area, green space for families and renovations to existing buildings, in order to meet increased demand; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to provide Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio, Inc., with a \$1 million capital grant that will provide additional temporary housing accommodations for families in need during the time their child is hospitalized; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio, Inc., to support and advance the planning, design and construction of the expansion necessary to provide more families with housing accommodations, including comfort, care and support while their child is hospitalized; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

SECTION 1. That Council finds that providing a grant to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio, Inc., advances the public purpose of providing temporary housing for families in need while their child is undergoing hospitalized treatment. Council authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, to advance the planning, design and construction of the expansion that is needed to meet the increase in demand for temporary housing accommodations for families whose child is hospitalized.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$1,000,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is authorized in Fund 7739 (Development Taxable Bonds), Dept-Div 4401 (Administration), Project 200019-100000 (Ronald McDonald House - Capital Campaign), in Object Class 06 Capital Outlay per the account codes in the attachment to this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are deemed appropriated, and are authorized for expenditure to carry out the purposes of this ordinance, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 4. 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 5. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.

SECTION 6. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.