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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the transfer of \$1,250,000 within the General Government Grant Fund and the modification of the NSP2 Consortium Agreement with Franklin County. This transfer and modification to Franklin County's Funding Agreement will allow the City to establish loan agreements to implement eligible projects approved under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 grant. The City of Columbus is the Lead Applicant of the NSP2 Consortium which is an association of seven organizations and government entities formed for the purpose of applying for and implementing NSP2 funds. Franklin County is a member of the NSP2 Consortium. Prior ordinance 0156-2010, as amended by ordinance 1278-2010, authorized the Director of the Department of Development to enter into consortium funding agreements with members of the NSP2 Consortium. The NSP2 funds provide for the acquisition, rehabilitation, redevelopment or demolition of foreclosed, abandoned and vacant properties in order to stabilize neighborhoods and stem the decline of housing values.

Emergency action is requested to avoid interruptions in program services.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation authorizes the transfer and expenditure of \$1,250,000 in General Government Grant funds within the Department of Development. The City of Columbus was awarded \$23,200,773 of Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP2) grant funds under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. A partial cancellation of EL-011062 will make the funds available for this expenditure.

To authorize and direct the City Auditor to cancel \$1,250,000 from an encumbrance with Franklin County; to authorize and direct a transfer within the General Government Grant Fund; to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to modify the NSP2 Consortium Agreement with Franklin County; to authorize the expenditure of \$1,250,000.00 from the General Government Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$1,250,000.00)

Whereas, this legislation authorizes the transfer and expenditure of \$1,250,000 in General Government Grant funds within the Department of Development in order to modify a NSP2 Consortium Agreement with Franklin County; and

Whereas, the funds will provide for the acquisition, rehabilitation, redevelopment or demolition of foreclosed, abandoned and vacant properties in order to stabilize neighborhoods and stem the decline of housing values; and

Whereas, Franklin County agrees to work with the City to establish loan agreements between the City of Columbus and the Commons at Third Housing Limited Partnership to implement eligible projects under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 grant; and

Whereas, emergency action is requested to avoid interruptions in program services; and

Whereas, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development, Housing Division, in that it is immediately necessary to transfer and expend the aforementioned grant funds, thereby preserving 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 the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to cancel \$1,250,000 from Encumbrance No. EL-011062.

Section 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer \$1,250,000 within the General Government Grant Fund, Division 44-10, Fund No. 220, Grant No. 451036, as follows:

FROM:

OCA Code 441044, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337

TO:

OCA Code 441046, Object Level One 05, Object Level Three 5528

Section 3. That the Development Director is hereby authorized to modify the NSP2 Consortium Agreement with the Franklin County by decreasing the contract amount by \$1,250,000 and to establish loan agreements between the City of Columbus and the Commons at Third Housing Limited Partnership to implement eligible projects approved under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 grant.

Section 4. That for the purposes stated in Section 3 above, the expenditure of \$1,250,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized, from the Department of Development, Housing Division, Department No. 44-10, Fund No. 220, Grant No. 451036, Object Level One 05, Object Level Three 5528, OCA 441046.

Section 5. That in the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part thereof, this Ordinance is 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.