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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with the Increase Community Development Corporation (ICDC) for the purpose of administering a microenterprise program. This program includes educational training and a revolving loan fund program for entrepreneurs. The training will include writing a business plan, understanding profit & loss and the financial implications of cash flow and breakeven, and developing operating and marketing plans to succeed. ICDC will also provide small microloans for start-up and/or working capital to those who qualify.

ICDC is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization founded in 1999 with a mission to assist low, moderate and middle income individuals to start, manage, grow and succeed in a microenterprise that will increase household income, create jobs, and strengthen communities. ICDC will provide six 6 week training cycles per year, technical assistance as needed, seminars and workshops monthly on advanced business concepts such as Quickbooks, social media, marketing and financial management. Since its inception, ICDC has trained over 2,600 individuals and provided financing to over 550 businesses.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation authorizes the expenditure of \$100,000.00 from the 2016 CDBG Fund Budget.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with the Increase Community Development Corporation for the purpose of administering a microenterprise training program and a microenterprise revolving loan program; to authorize the expenditure of \$100,000.00 from the Community Development Block Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$100,000.00)

WHEREAS, \$100,000.00 will be allocated to the Increase Community Development Corporation ("ICDC") from the 2016 CDBG Fund; and

WHEREAS, small businesses are essential to the growth of the City of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, entrepreneurial education is essential for individuals to start or expand a small business in the City of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, seed capital is essential to the entrepreneur; and

WHEREAS, a microenterprise revolving loan fund will help the entrepreneur start a business after successfully completing the microenterprise training program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus provided funding to ICDC in 2014 to administer a microenterprise program; and

WHEREAS, ICDC has over (15) years of experience in providing training and education to entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into contract with the Increase Community Development Corporation for the administration of the microenterprise training program and the microenterprise revolving loan program, all 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 Development is hereby authorized to enter into contract with the Increase Community Development Corporation for the administration of the microenterprise entrepreneurial training program and the microenterprise revolving loan program.

SECTION 2. That for the purpose stated in section 1, the expenditure of \$100,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 2248 Community Development Act in Object Class 03 Contractual Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That this contract is awarded in accordance with the relevant provisions of City Code Chapter 329 relating to not- for- profit service contracts.

SECTION 4. 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 5. 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.