



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: Ordinances 2707-2013 and 0766-2014 authorized the expenditure of \$190,000 and \$731,407 respectively to preserve the local supply of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing for low-income families. This ordinance expands the scope of eligible activities for these funds to include emergency repair services. It also authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to extend and increase contracts with various contractors that provide emergency home repair services to low and moderate income homeowners in Columbus.

Emergency repair services will include heating, plumbing, electrical and other emergency home repairs needed to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Columbus.

The contracts were initially entered into pursuant to Ord. 1594-2015.

Emergency action is necessary to allow for the uninterrupted continuation of emergency repair services.

FISCAL IMPACT: No additional funding is required for this legislation. This legislation will expand the activities eligible for expenditure. Funding is available from the Community Development Block Grant Fund from existing Auditors Certificates.

To amend Ordinances 2707-2013, passed December 2, 2013 and 0766-2014 passed April 7, 2014, to include emergency repair services as eligible expenditures; to authorize the Director of Development to extend and increase contracts with various contractors that provide emergency home repair services to low and moderate income homeowners in Columbus; and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2013 City Council passed Ordinance 2707-2013 authorizing expenditure of \$190,000 to provide grant assistance for the affordable housing projects administered by the Housing Division under the Affordable Housing Opportunity Program including the Home Modification Program and the Home Safe and Sound Program; and

WHEREAS, since then, it has been determined that the City needs to expand the use of funds to include emergency repair services which will include heating, plumbing, electrical and other emergency home repairs; and

WHEREAS, this legislation will amend both the Title and Sections of Ordinance 2707-2013 to include emergency repair activities as eligible expenses; and

WHEREAS, this legislation will amend both the Title and Sections of Ordinance 0766-2014 to include emergency repair activities as eligible expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Development desires to extend the terms and funding amounts of agreements with four contractors to provide materials and services related to the Emergency Repair Program; and

WHEREAS, American Mechanical (contract compliance number: 371480212, expiration: 2/20/17), Ohio Mechanical (contract compliance number: 311676592, expiration: 8/26/17), Capital Plumbing (contract compliance number:

200557202, expiration: 6-3-17), and TFH-EB dba The Water Works (contract compliance number: 311162504, expiration: 2/26/17) responded to a Request for Proposals (SA-005831) in 2015 and were selected; and

WHEREAS, emergency action is necessary to allow for the uninterrupted continuation of emergency repair 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 expend said 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 Section 1 of Ordinance 2707-2013 is hereby amended to read as follows: That the Director of Development is hereby authorized to provide grant assistance for the affordable housing projects administered by the Housing Division under the Affordable Housing Opportunity Program, including the Home Modification Program, the Vacant Property Prevention Program and the Emergency Repair Program.

SECTION 2. That Section 1 of Ordinance 0766-2014 is hereby amended to read as follows: That the Director of Development is hereby authorized to provide grant assistance for the affordable housing projects administered by the Housing Division under the Affordable Housing Opportunity Program, including the Home Modification Program, the Vacant Property Prevention Program and the Emergency Repair Program.

SECTION 3. That the Director of the Department of Development is authorized to amend contracts with the vendors listed below to provide emergency home repair services to correct substandard and deteriorating conditions of homes owned by low and moderate- income households.

American Mechanical / EL017333 / cc# 371480212 / expiration 2/20/17 / \$50,000

Ohio Mechanical / EL017318 / cc# 311676592 / expiration 8/26/17 / \$60,000.00

Capital Plumbing / EL017317 / cc# 200557202 / expiration 6-3-17 / \$75,000.00

TFH-EB dba The Water Works / EL017316 / cc# 311162504 / expiration 2/26/17 / \$15,000.00

SECTION 4. That for the purpose stated in Section 3, the Director of Development will draw an amount not to exceed \$139,839.89 from Auditor's Certificate ACPR000154 and \$60,160.11 from Auditor's Certificate ACPR000187.

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. That these modifications are made in accordance with the relevant provisions of City Code Chapter 329 relating to contract modifications.

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.