



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The City is a participating jurisdiction receiving federal funds under the HOME Investment Partnerships program (HOME) of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The regulations of the program provide that funds may be used to administer a tenant-based rental assistance program.

This legislation authorizes the Director of Development to enter into a contract with the Community Shelter Board for the purpose of implementing and monitoring the program on behalf of the City. The contract will provide \$325,000 of HOME Funds. The Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA) will use HOME funds to provide rental subsidies and security deposits for chronically homeless persons participating in the Rebuilding Lives initiative. Rebuilding Lives enables the development and maintenance of permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless persons.

The Community Shelter Board will subcontract with qualified nonprofit organizations to implement TBRA in accordance with HOME Fund regulations for TBRA. These entities will lease housing units for the Rebuilding Lives program. Then they will maintain and operate the housing units and related facilities to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing in accordance with the HUD Housing Quality Standards. The Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) will inspect the units. The City's Consolidated Action Plan for 2010-2014 contains TBRA housing preference priorities for chronically homeless persons.

Emergency action is requested in order to ensure rental subsidies are in place for 2012.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds for this expenditure are allocated from the Rebuilding Lives set-aside within the Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund allocation of the 2012 HOME Funds.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with the Community Shelter Board to provide for tenant-based rental assistance for the Rebuilding Lives Program; to authorize the expenditure of \$325,000.00 from the HOME Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$325,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus is the recipient of HOME Investment Partnerships funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, the City is a partner in the Rebuilding Lives initiative to provide permanent supportive housing to chronically homeless persons; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to assist the Rebuilding Lives initiative by establishing a tenant-based rental assistance program; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to enter into a contract with the Community Shelter Board in order to administer and operate the tenant-based rental assistance program; and

WHEREAS, there is an immediate need for tenant-based rental assistance to continue rent subsidies for participants in the Rebuilding Lives Program; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development, Housing Division, in that it is immediately necessary to enter into a contract with the Community Shelter Board to permit the payment of tenant-based rental assistance to begin immediately, 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 Director of the Department of Development be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Community Shelter Board to provide for tenant-based rental assistance services.

Section 2. That for the purpose as stated in Section 1 the expenditure of \$325,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the Department of Development, Department No. 44-10, Fund 201, Grant No. 458001, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3336, OCA 442231.

Section 3. That this contract is awarded pursuant to Section 329.15 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959, as amended.

Section 4. 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 approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.