



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with Huckleberry House in support of shelter renovations. Huckleberry House is a non-profit organization that provides safe housing and comprehensive support to empower our community's most vulnerable youth to achieve the lives they see for themselves.

The Huckleberry House teen crisis shelter serves an average of 550-600 youth per year. The second floor is overdue for a renovation. It is important that youth experiencing crisis have a welcoming, comfortable space in which to work through whatever challenges they face. This will allow Huckleberry House to create more lounge space for youth and a more efficient work station for overnight staff who monitor the sleeping areas.

Fiscal Impact: Funding for this grant agreement is available within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: The vendor number is 004307 and expires 3/3/2024.

Emergency action is requested to immediately provide resources necessary to sustain human services programming within vulnerable Columbus communities.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with Huckleberry House in support of shelter renovations; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$26,300.00)

WHEREAS, the Huckleberry House serves an average of 550-600 youth per year; and

WHEREAS, it is important that youth experiencing crisis have a welcoming, comfortable space in which to work through whatever challenges they face.; and

WHEREAS, shelter renovations will allow Huckleberry House to create more lounge space for youth and a more efficient work station for overnight staff who monitor the sleeping areas; 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 a grant agreement with Huckleberry House in order to sustain human services programming within vulnerable Columbus communities, thereby preserving the public health, safety, welfare, peace, and prosperity; **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 and directed to enter into a grant agreement with Huckleberry House in support of shelter renovations.

SECTION 2. That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$26,300.00 within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, to the Department of Development in Services-03 per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That per the action authorized by Section 1 of this ordinance, the expenditure of \$26,300.00 is hereby authorized per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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. 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 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.