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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the expenditure of \$950,000 for the provision of loans and/or grants for projects that preserve and increase the local supply of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing for low-income families. The source of funding is the Community Development Block Grant fund awarded to the City by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund represents the City's commitment to the preservation and production of housing units affordable to very-low, low and moderate-income individuals. Eligible households must meet the HUD income eligibility requirements of 80% AMI or below. Funds will be used to meet the housing needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. Programs include, but are not limited to: the Vacant Property Prevention Program which provides home repair loans to owner occupants and the Home Modification Program which provides grants to make modifications to the homes of persons with disabilities to increase the independent living opportunities in his/her home (both owner-occupied and rental). These programs will operate citywide within Columbus corporate limits.

Emergency action is requested to avoid interruptions in vital program services.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding is from the 2015 Community Development Block Grant Fund budget.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to make loans and grants for operation of the various affordable housing programs administered by the Housing Division under the Affordable Housing Opportunity Program; to authorize the expenditure of \$950,000.00 from the Community Development Block Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$950,000.00) **AMENDED BY ORD. 2641-2017; PASSED 11/20/2017**

WHEREAS, the Department of Development, Housing Division desires to administer an Affordable Housing Opportunity Program; and

WHEREAS, this legislation authorizes the expenditure of \$950,000.00 for the provision of loans and grants for projects that preserve and increase the local supply of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing for low-income families; and

WHEREAS, funds will be used to meet the housing needs identified in the Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, programs will provide housing rehabilitation assistance for both owner-occupied and rental homes; 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 the aforementioned grant funds to avoid interruptions in vital program services, 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 is hereby authorized to make loans or grants for the various affordable housing programs administered by the Housing Division under the Affordable Housing Opportunity

Program, including the Vacant Property Prevention Program and the Home Modification Program.

SECTION 2. That for the purpose as stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$950,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized from the Department of Development, Division 44-10, Fund 248, Object Level One 05, OCA Code 445236 as follows:

Object Level Three 5525 (Loans) / \$550,000.00
Object Level Three 5517 (Grants) / \$400,000.00
Total: \$950,000.00

SECTION 3. That expenditure of funds from this authorization will be in accordance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Regulations 24 CFR Part 570.200-206, CDBG Eligibility.

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 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.