



Legislation Text

File #: 0549-2010, **Version:** 1

BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into grant agreements with various social service agencies throughout Central Ohio for the provision of services for a twelve-month period. The total amount of these grants is \$2,906,100.00.

This legislation represents various programs funded following the Emergency Human Services (EHS) application process as well as the Department of Development's application and evaluation process for General Fund assistance. The legislation targets social service agencies that will provide help to families and households through day care, substance abuse prevention programs, refugee and resettlement programs, senior care, mediation services, services for the disabled, material assistance and food programs, workforce development, youth programs and other services by assisting with the operating needs of the agency. In addition, the city supports programs and activities so that the greater population is assured access to other community assistance. This funding will allow the process to continue much needed services.

Emergency action is necessary to avoid causing interruptions in the delivery of program services.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes the expenditure of \$789,872.00 from the Emergency Human Services Fund and \$2,116,228.00 from the General Fund for a total of \$2,906,100.00. In 2010, a total of \$902,000.00 in Emergency Human Services Funds and \$2,466,517.00 in General Funds has been allocated to fund social service programs. Companion legislation authorizes the expenditure of the balance of the funds.

To approve the grant applications of various social service agencies seeking financial assistance to address an emergency human service need pursuant to Columbus City Codes, 1959; to authorize the Director of Development to execute grant agreements with various social service agencies to address and provide for multiple human service needs; to authorize the expenditure of \$789,872.00 from the Emergency Human Services Fund; to authorize the expenditure of \$2,116,228.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$2,906,100.00)

WHEREAS, various social service agencies have submitted grant applications seeking financial assistance for Emergency Human Services Funds; and

WHEREAS, City Council has reviewed the grant applications and hereby declares that the agencies have articulated a need for Emergency Human Services funds that is sufficient to justify approval of said grants; and

WHEREAS, City Council is authorized to allocate funds annually to assist social service agencies in the city with the operating costs of delivering programs; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Development desires to enter into grants with various social service agencies for the continued provision of social services; and

WHEREAS, the grants will be funded with a combination of Emergency Human Services Funds and General Funds; and

WHEREAS, these programs include, but are not limited to, youth services, resettlement programs, housing referral, intervention activities, information and referral efforts, community mediation, resource centers and neighborhood activities; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to enter into grant agreements with various social service agencies to avoid causing interruptions in the delivery of vital program

services, 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 grant applications of those agencies identified in the attachment to this ordinance seeking financial assistance to address an emergency human service need pursuant to Section 371.02 (c) of the Columbus City Codes, 1959, are hereby approved.

Section 2. That the Director of the Department of Development be and is hereby authorized to enter into grant agreements with the various agencies listed in the attachment to this ordinance for a one year period and for the amounts indicated:

Section 3. That for the purpose as stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$789,872.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the Emergency Human Services Fund, Department of Development, Department No. 44-01, Fund 232, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337, OCA Code 499043.

Section 4. That the expenditures authorized herein are in accordance with Section 371.02 (c) of the Columbus City Codes, 1959.

Section 5. Payments are expressly contingent upon the availability of sufficient monies in the Emergency Human Services Fund to cover the obligation set forth in this contract and in no case shall payments exceed available cash in this fund. In this event that there is not sufficient cash in the fund to cover the obligation set forth in this contract, the City Auditor shall have the authority to make all necessary adjustments at his discretion.

Section 6. That for the purpose as stated in Section 2, the expenditure of \$2,116,228.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the General Fund, Department of Development, Department No. 44-01, Fund 010, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337, OCA Code 499038.

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.