



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of Development to modify a contract with the IMPACT Community Action Agency (IMPACT) for the fourth time in order to add additional funds.

On May 18, 2020, Columbus City Council passed Ordinance 1210-2020 for IMPACT Community Action Agency to provide \$2,650,000.00 of CARES Act funding as matching funds for the Hope Program. On June 29, 2020, Columbus City Council passed Ordinance 1408-2020 to expand the range of eligible expenses for the program. On July 30, 2020, Columbus City Council passed Ordinance 1810-2020 to add \$7,350,000.00 and to further modify the scope of services. On October 26, 2020, Columbus City council passed Ordinance 2433-2020 to modify the contract again to reflect the needs of the program. This ordinance seeks to add additional funds.

The department contracted with IMPACT to provide rent and mortgage assistance to families affected by COVID-19. The need is greater than anticipated and IMPACT has the capacity to deploy additional funds into the community.

Original Contract	\$ 2,650,000.00	Ord. 1210-2020	PO230601
Modification 1	\$ 0.00	Ord. 1408-2020	
Modification 2	\$ 7,350,000.00	Ord. 1810-2020	PO241895
Modification 3	\$ 0.00	Ord. 2433-2020	
Modification 4	\$ 500,000.00		
Total contract amount	\$10,5800,000.00		

The services included in this contract cannot be provided by existing city employees because these services are beyond the City’s current staffing capacity to provide.

Emergency action is requested to modify the contract in order to provide for uninterrupted services.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding is provided to the City of Columbus from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act passed by Congress and signed into law March 27, 2020, and available in the Department of Development’s CARES Act budget (fund 2207, subfund 220702).

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: the vendor’s vendor number is 001447 and is valid from 12/16/2019-12/16/2021

To authorize the Director of Development to modify a contract with the IMPACT Community Action Agency for the Hope Program to add an amount up to \$5800,000.00; to authorize an expenditure in an amount up to \$5800,000.00 from the Department of Development’s CARES Act budget; and to declare an emergency. (\$5800,000.00)

WHEREAS, Columbus City Council approved Ordinance 1210-2020 to provide \$2,650,000.00 in CARES Act funding to IMPACT Community Action Agency as matching funds for the Hope Program; and

WHEREAS, Columbus City Council approved Ordinance 1408-2020 to expand the range of eligible expenses for the program; and

WHEREAS, Columbus City Council approved Ordinance 1810-2020 to add additional funds and modify the contract; and

WHEREAS, Columbus City council passed Ordinance 2433-2020 to modify the contract again to reflect the needs of the program; and

WHEREAS, now that the program has been successfully launched, the need is greater than anticipated, and IMPACT has the capacity to deploy additional funds into the community; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in much needed assistance program when low income households have seen significant decreases in personal income due to COVID-19 and the public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, expenditure of CARES Act funding to provide low income households with financial assistance is necessary to address reduced income needed to pay rent or a mortgage caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, such expenditure of funds has not been previously accounted for in the 2020 Budget; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director enter into a contract modification with IMPACT Community Action Agency to modify the contract in order to provide for uninterrupted services, thereby preserving the public health, peace, safety, and welfare; **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 modify a contract with the IMPACT Community Action Agency for the Hope Program to add an amount up to \$5800,000.00.

SECTION 2. That for the purpose as stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$5800,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized in fund 2207, subfund 220702 (CARES Act Fund), Dept. 44-01 (Administration), in Object Class 03 (Services) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. Funds are hereby deemed appropriated and expenditures and transfers authorized to carry out the purposes of this ordinance and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 4. 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 5. 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.