



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a not-for-profit service contract with Columbus Housing Partnership, dba Homeport, for housing counseling services in an amount up to \$125,000.00 and to authorize payment of expenses starting January 1, 2024.

Homeport, a non-profit organization, provides U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development certified housing counseling services, including but not limited to, pre-purchase/post-purchase home buyer education, tenant counseling, troubled homeowner counseling, financial literacy, and foreclosure counseling.

Homeport has a long and successful track record of providing comprehensive housing counseling services to the community and is the largest provider in the community. For the City's Down Payment Assistance Program and Homeownership Development Programs, pre-purchase education is required. Housing Counseling is also helpful for households in financial distress so that homes and apartments are not lost.

The services included in this not-for-profit service contract cannot be provided by existing city employees as they are beyond the City's current staffing capacity to provide.

**CONTRACT COMPLIANCE:** the vendor number is 004842 and expires 3/14/2024.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding is available in the Division of Housing's 2024 General Fund budget, this ordinance is contingent on the passage of the 2024 Operating Budget, Ordinance 3011-2023.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a not-for-profit service contract with Columbus Housing Partnership, dba Homeport, for housing counseling services in an amount up to \$125,000.00; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$125,000.00; and to authorize payment of expenses starting January 1, 2024. (\$125,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Department of Development desires to enter into a not-for-profit service contract with Columbus Housing Partnership, dba Homeport, to provide housing counseling services and to authorize payment of expenses beginning January 1, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Homeport is a non-profit organization with the capacity to provide housing counseling services; and

**WHEREAS**, the services included in this not-for-profit service contract cannot be provided by existing city employees as they are beyond the City's current staffing capacity to provide; and

**WHEREAS**, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development to enter into contracts with Columbus Housing Partnership, dba Homeport, to allow program services to continue without interruption;  
**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 enter into a contract with Columbus Housing Partnership, dba Homeport, in an amount up to \$125,000.00 and is authorized to make payment for expenses starting January 1, 2024, for the purpose of providing housing counseling services.

**Section 2.** That for the purpose as stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$125,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 1000 (General Fund), Dept-Div 4410 (Housing), in object class 03 (Services) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**Section 3.** That this contract is awarded pursuant to the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of City Code relating to not-for-profit service contracts.

**Section 4.** 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 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 this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.