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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to provide grant assistance to social service organizations for the provision of services as described below. These funds will support program activities for a total amount of \$131,000.

Jewish Family Services - \$6,000.00

Funds will be used to support the Let's Talk Respect Initiative, a community based program to engage and inspire teen girls on the topics of safe dating, bullying, cyber abuse, self-esteem and empowerment through SAFE DATES Curriculum. The program, for teens in grades 6-12, will be offered in select city schools and in neighborhood centers and will increase the awareness of both healthy and abusive dating relationships.

Human Services Chamber of Franklin County - \$125,000.00

Funds will assure that the Human Service Chamber of Franklin County (HSCFB) continues to serve as the one voice of social service agencies and offers members a collective approach for client advocacy, the ability to impact public policy and to collaborate for more effective service delivery.

The legislation targets social service agencies that will provide help to and address multiple human service needs. 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.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds are allocated from the Emergency Human Services Fund.

To approve the grant applications of Jewish Family Services and the Human Services Chamber of Franklin County seeking financial assistance to address emergency human service need pursuant to Columbus City Codes, 1959; to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into grant agreements with Jewish Family Services and the Human Services Chamber of Franklin County; to authorize the expenditure of \$131,000.00 from the Emergency Human Services Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$131,000.00) **(AMENDED BY ORD. 2581-2014 PASSED 11/24/2014)**

WHEREAS, social service organizations have submitted applications seeking financial assistance to address emergency human services needs; and

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed the applications and hereby declares that the agencies have articulated a need for funds that is sufficient to justify approval of said agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Development desires to execute grant agreements with the various agencies to support social service programs using funds from the Emergency Human Services Fund; and

WHEREAS, the legislation targets social service agencies that will provide help address multiple human service needs. In addition, the City supports programs and activities so that the greater population is assured access to other community assistance; and

WHEREAS, this funding will allow the process to continue much needed services; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to execute grant agreements with Jewish Family Services and the Human Services Chamber of Franklin County 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 Jewish family Services and the Human Service Chamber of Franklin County that seek financial assistance to address emergency human service needs 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 is hereby authorized and directed to enter into grant agreements to provide emergency grant assistance totaling \$131,000.00 to the following agencies for the provision of critical social services for a one year period and for the amounts indicated:

Jewish Family Services: \$6,000.00
Human Services Chamber of Franklin County; \$125,000.00

SECTION 3. That for the purpose as stated in Section 2, the expenditure of \$131,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the Emergency Human Services Fund, Fund 232, Department of Development, Division 44-01, 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 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 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.