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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the transfer of \$100,000.00 in Fund 2207 from the Department of Finance and Management to the Department of Development; authorizes the expenditure of up to \$100,000.00 in the Department of Development; and authorizes the Director of Development to enter into a contract with Community Mediation Services for an amount up to \$100,000.00 for its Housing Stability/Homelessness Prevention Program and to authorize payment of expenses starting March 1, 2020.

Funding for Community Mediation Services will assist individuals and families with eviction prevention conflict management/mediation services who are currently homeless, or at imminent risk of becoming homeless due to COVID-19 or the economic impact of the pandemic, in order to help them obtain or maintain stable housing.

Emergency action is requested to allow program services to be fully implemented.

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. This ordinance is contingent upon the passage of Ordinance 1129-2020, the ordinance accepting and appropriating the CARES Act funds.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: the vendor's vendor number is 004914 and is valid from 4/11/2019-4/11/2021.

To authorize the transfer of \$100,000.00 in Fund 2207 from the Department of Finance and Management to the Department of Development; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$100,000.00 in the Department of Development; to authorize the Director of Development to enter into a contract with Community Mediation Services for an amount up to \$100,000.00 for its Housing Stability/Homelessness Prevention Program; to authorize payment of expenses starting March 1, 2020; and to declare an emergency. (\$100,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Development desires to enter into contract with Community Mediation Services; and

WHEREAS, Community Mediation Services will provide individuals and families with eviction prevention conflict management/mediation services; and

WHEREAS, this initiative will help individuals and families resolve their housing crisis and maintain stability in permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is necessary to allow program services to be fully implemented, thereby preserving 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 transfer of \$100,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized within Fund 2207 (CARES Act Fund), from Dept-Div 45-01, object class 03 (Services) to Dept-Div 44-10 (Housing), object class 03 (Services) per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance, and contingent upon the passage of Ordinance 1129-2020.

SECTION 2. That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to enter into contract with

Community Mediation Services in an amount up to \$100,000.00 for the purpose of assisting individuals and families with eviction prevention conflict management/mediation services and to authorize payment of expenses starting March 1, 2020.

SECTION 3: That the expenditure of \$100,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 2207 (CARES Act Fund), Dept-Div 44-10 (Housing Division), in object class 03 (Services) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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 the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this legislation.

SECTION 6. That this agreement is awarded pursuant to the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of the City Code relating to the process for awarding not-for-profit service agreements.

SECTION 7: That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, 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.