

City of Columbus

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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the expenditure of \$739,001.00 to preserve the local supply of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing for low-income families. Funds will be used to provide eligible homeowners with assistance for essential home repairs and/or home modifications through the Home Safe and Sound and Home Modification Programs in order to preserve the housing stock and enable homeowners to remain in their homes.

The Housing Preservation Fund represents the City's commitment to the preservation of housing units affordable to very-low, low and moderate-income individuals.

Emergency action is requested to avoid interruptions in vital program services.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$739,001.00 will be expended from the Housing Preservation Fund/Home Safe and Sound Program-2013 Capital Improvements Budget.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to make financial assistance available to eligible homeowners through the Home Safe and Sound and Home Modification Programs administered by the Housing Division; to authorize the expenditure of \$739,001.00 from the Housing Preservation Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$739,001.00) (AMENDED BY ORD. 1528-2016 PASSED 6/27/2016)

Whereas, it is necessary to expend funds from the Housing Preservation Fund to preserve the local supply of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing for low-income families; and

Whereas, these funds will provide eligible homeowners with assistance for essential home repairs and/or home modifications through the Home Safe and Sound and Home Modification Programs in order to preserve the housing stock and enable homeowners to remain in their homes; and

Whereas, emergency action is necessary to avoid interruptions in the delivery of vital program services; and

Whereas, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development, Housing Division, in that it is immediately necessary to expend the aforementioned funds, thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; and 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 make financial assistance available to eligible homeowners through the Home Safe and Sound and Home Modification Programs administered by the Housing Division.

Section 2. That for the purpose as stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$739,001.00 or so much thereof as may be

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necessary, is hereby authorized from the Department of Development, Division 44-10, Fund 782, Project Number 782002 -100000, OCA Code 782002, Object Level One 06, Object Level Three 6617.

- **Section 3.** Funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated.
- **Section 4.** Those expenditures of capital improvements budget funds from this authorization will be in accordance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Regulations 24 CFR Part 570.200-206, CDBG Eligibility, to ensure consistency of housing programs and income eligibility for all programs as administered by the Housing Division.
- **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 the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administrating said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.
- **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 approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.