



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the transfer of \$100,000 within the CDBG Fund, the appropriation and expenditure of \$33,333 to the Development Department within the Jobs Growth Fund and the authorization of the Director of the Department of Development to enter into contract with the Economic and Community Development Institute (ECDI) for administration of the Microenterprise Revolving Loan Program.

ECDI provides a network of comprehensive support services to build the economic and social capacities of individuals, families, enterprises and communities. One of the services provided by ECDI is micro-loans for small businesses. ECDI has become a leader in the field of micro lending, providing microenterprise training to an underserved population including minorities, immigrants, refugees, asylees, low-income recipients and the working poor. ECDI provides microenterprise training, technical assistance and loan funds to assist the applicants with successfully starting or expanding their small business.

\$100,000 of CDBG funds will be used for the revolving loan fund while \$33,333 from the Jobs Growth fund will be used for administrative costs.

Emergency action is requested so that the contract with the Economic and Community Development Institute can be executed immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation authorizes the transfer of \$100,000 within the CDBG Fund and the appropriation of \$33,333 to the Development Department within the Jobs Growth Fund.

To authorize the transfer of \$100,000 within the CDBG Fund; to authorize the appropriation of \$33,333 to the Development Department within the Jobs Growth Fund; to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with the Economic and Community Development Institute; to authorize the expenditure of \$100,000 from the CDBG Fund; to authorize the expenditure of \$33,333 from the Jobs Growth Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$133,333.00)

WHEREAS; small businesses are essential to the growth of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, micro lending is an opportunity for individuals to start or expand their small businesses in the City of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, the Economic and Community Development Institute has over seven (7) years experience administering micro-loan programs in other localities; and

WHEREAS, ECDI will partner with non-profit groups to assist with the training and technical assistance portion of the Microenterprise Revolving Loan Program; and

WHEREAS, emergency action is requested to allow ECDI to initiate the Microenterprise Revolving Loan Program in the City of Columbus in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to enter into the contract with the Economic and Community Development Institute for administration of the Microenterprise Revolving Loan Program 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 City Auditor be and is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$33,333 in the Jobs Growth Fund, Fund 015 to the Development Department, Economic Development Division, Division 44-02, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3336, OCA Code 440215.

Section 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$100,000 within the Department of Development, Economic Development Division, Division 44-02, CDBG Fund, Fund 248, Subfund 002 a follows:

FROM:

<u>Object Level One</u>	<u>Object Level Three</u>	<u>OCA Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
03	3336	495020	\$100,000

TO:

<u>Object Level One</u>	<u>Object Level Three</u>	<u>OCA Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
03	3336	442060	\$100,000

Section 3. That the Director of the Department of Development is authorized to enter into a contract with the Economic and Community Development Institute for the administration of the Microenterprise Revolving Loan program.

Section 4. That for the purpose stated in Section 3, the expenditure of \$33,333 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the Development Department, Economic Development Division NO 44-02, Jobs Growth Fund, Fund 015, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3336, OCA Code 440215.

Section 5. That for the purpose stated in section 3, the expenditure of \$100,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the CDGB Fund, Fund 248, Subfund 002, Department of Development, Economic Development Division, Division 44-02, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3336, OCA Code 442060.

Section 6. That this contract is awarded in accordance with Chapter 329.15 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959.

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 passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.