



Legislation Text

File #: 1977-2021, **Version:** 1

Background:

Ordinance 1477-2020 authorized the expenditure of up to \$500,000 from the Development Taxable Bond Fund 7739 to expand Healthy Neighborhoods Healthy Families Realty Collaborative (HNHF) rehabilitation to the Linden community. HNHF will administer an exterior home rehabilitation on behalf of the Department of Neighborhoods in an effort to advance the One Linden community plan.

This ordinance is needed to modify PO239634, which is the contract with Healthy Neighborhoods Healthy Families Realty Collaborative through December 31, 2021 and to continue the home repair services, after construction delayed due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. There is no change to the scope of services and the original terms and conditions remain in effect.

This ordinance is also needed to modify the contract by adding the following exception to the eligibility guidelines: No pending environment court cases. An exception may be made for low income owner-occupied households residing in a low to moderate income census tract.

Applications may be deemed ineligible for any of the following reasons:
Pending environmental court (exception noted above)

Community Planning Area is South Linden - 45

This program will assist homeowners and residents with exterior rehabilitation while facilitating pride, community reinvestment and responsible homeownership and rental units. Residents at or below 65% AMI will be provided much needed financial assistance in making much needed rehabilitation to their homes that will secure safe housing for our most vulnerable residents; and promote and leverage private investment in the neighborhood.

Fiscal Impact: No additional funding is required to modify contract.

Emergency Justification: Emergency action is requested to allow for the immediate execution of this contract in order to advance community plan implementation and continue construction.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods to modify an existing contract with Healthy Neighborhoods Healthy Families (HNHF) Realty Collaborative to continue home repair services through December 31, 2021 and modify eligibility guidelines; and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to modify contract PO239634 with Healthy Neighborhoods Healthy Families Realty Collaborative through December 31, 2021 and modify eligibility guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the City commissioned a comprehensive community plan in an effort to revitalize the Linden community; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Neighborhoods desires to modify contract PO239634 with HNHF continue assisting homeowners and residents with exterior rehabilitation while facilitating pride, community reinvestment and responsible homeownership; and to advance the One Linden Community Plan; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Neighborhoods in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods to modify the contract with Healthy Neighborhoods Healthy Families and to allow HNHF to expedite construction, 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 Director of the Department of Neighborhoods be, and hereby is, authorized to modify contract PO239634 with Healthy Neighborhoods Healthy Families Realty Collaborative through December 31, 2021, for the provision of making financial assistance available for households at or below 65% AMI as homeowner assistance grants to projects developed or sponsored in Linden by HNHF Realty Collaborative and to modify eligibility guidelines.

SECTION 2. That this modification is in accordance with relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Code.

SECTION 3. 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.