



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of Development to enter into a grant agreement with The Young Men's Christian Association of Central Ohio dba YMCA of Central Ohio, in an amount up to \$2,000,000.00 of federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to provide rental support to tenants as they are relocated in anticipation of the sale of the organization's current facility; and modify the terms and conditions of the agreement as needed without seeking further City Council approval to assure that the agreement aligns with the most current federal guidance and requirements.

Ordinance 1201-2021 authorized the City of Columbus to accept and appropriate approximately \$187,030,138.00 of federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds as signed into law by the President of the United States on March 11, 2021.

The YMCA of Central Ohio provides affordable housing and wrap around services to chronically homeless individuals at 40 W. Long Street facility.

The YMCA has begun the process of relocating tenants due to ongoing maintenance costs and the anticipated sale of the building.

The relocation plan being developed for the residents includes transitional housing and supportive services, placement in permanent supportive housing developments, access to housing vouchers through CMHA.

For the YMCA of Central Ohio's supportive housing program for adult men and women, we aim to offer the assistance and support needed to stabilize and maintain independent housing, while providing access to those supportive services needed in order to achieve the highest possible standard of living.

This funding will provide rental support to the tenants while in the transitional phase. The total cost for this effort is \$4,000,000.00. Franklin County will provide \$2,000,000.00 in support as well.

~~Emergency action is requested to address the impacts of the COVID-19 health emergency.~~

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding is provided to the City of Columbus from the American Rescue Plan Act passed by Congress and signed into law March 11, 2021.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: the vendor number is 006085 and expires 1/14/2022.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with The Young Men's Christian Association of Central Ohio, dba YMCA of Central Ohio, in an amount up to \$2,000,000.00 of federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to provide rental support to tenants as they are relocated in anticipation of the sale of the organization's current facility; to authorize the Director of Development to modify the terms and conditions of the agreement as needed without seeking further City Council approval to assure that the agreement aligns with the most current federal guidance and requirements; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$2,000,000.00 of ARPA funds; ~~and to declare an emergency.~~ (\$2,000,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Young Men's Christian Association of Central Ohio, dba YMCA of Central Ohio, provides affordable housing and wrap around services to chronically homeless individuals at 40 W. Long Street facility; and

WHEREAS, the YMCA has begun the process of relocating tenants due to ongoing maintenance costs and the anticipated sale of the building; and

WHEREAS, the relocation plan being developed for the residents includes transitional housing and supportive services, placement in permanent supportive housing developments, access to housing vouchers through CMHA; and

WHEREAS, the city aims to offer the assistance and support needed to stabilize and maintain independent housing, while providing access to those supportive services needed in order to achieve the highest possible standard of living; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in additional need for supportive housing and related services; and

WHEREAS, expenditure of ARPA funding to support organizations providing these services is necessary to alleviate the negative impacts caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, such expenditure of funds has not been previously accounted for in the 2021 Budget; and

WHEREAS, ~~an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with the YMCA to address the impacts of the COVID-19 health emergency, such immediate action is necessary 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 Director of the Department of Development is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with The Young Men’s Christian Association of Central Ohio, dba YMCA of Central Ohio, in an amount up to \$2,000,000.00 of federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to provide rental support to tenants as they are relocated in anticipation of the sale of the organization’s current facility; and modify the terms and conditions of the agreement as needed without seeking further City Council approval to assure that the agreement aligns with the most current federal guidance and requirements.

SECTION 2. That for the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$2,000,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 2209 (ARPA), Dept-Div 44-01 (Administrative), in object class 03 (Services) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 5. ~~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.~~ **That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.**