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This ordinance modifies the service agreement with Columbus Next Generation Corporation originally authorized by ordinance 1268-2021 and modified by ordinances 3315-2021and 2279-2022 for administration of the program providing exterior home repair to address code violations.

Columbus Next Generation ("NextGen") has been working with The City of Columbus, Office of the City Attorney, and the Franklin County Environmental Courts to assist homeowners throughout the city that are elderly and/or disabled to repair code violations on their homes that are in the court systems (and have been) since prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. Repairs range from roof repair to new roofs, gutters, painting, sewer line work, porch/foundation work, cutting down dead trees, overgrown high weeds, branches and grass. The homeowners do not have the financial means or physical ability to do such repairs. Their incomes are very limited. In July 2021, City Attorney Zack Klein's office requested and received grant money in the amount of $100,000 to start the Home Repair Program. NextGen works with local contractors and encourages minority participation as much as possible. All contractors are licensed, bonded, have BWC insurance and are registered with the City of Columbus as a contractor (in order to pull necessary permits, if needed, for repairs). Once repairs are complete, NextGen contacts the City Code Officer that referred properties to the court system to make sure the repairs meet the requirements to close out the current code violations.

This ordinance authorizes an extension of the original agreement through December 31, 2024, and increases the available funding by $500,000.00 from the general fund.

Columbus Next Generation Corporation, FID: 46-2621229 CC#: CC008637, expires 5/30/2025

Fiscal Impact: Funding is available within the general fund.

Emergency action is requested in order to avoid any disruption in the exterior home repair program.

To authorize the City Attorney to modify an existing contract with Columbus Next Generation Corporation; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the general fund; and to declare an emergency. ($500,000.00)

WHEREAS, Columbus Next Generation has been working with the City of Columbus Office of the City Attorney and the Franklin County Environmental Courts to assist homeowners throughout the city that are elderly and/or disabled to repair code violations on their homes; and

WHEREAS, repairs range from roof repair to new roofs, gutters, painting, sewer line work, porch/foundation work, cutting down dead trees, overgrown high weeds, branches and grass; and

WHEREAS, the homeowners do not have the financial means or physical ability to do such repairs; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City Attorney's Office that it is immediately necessary to authorize a contract modification with Columbus NextGen in order to avoid any disruption in the exterior home repair program, for the preservation of the health, safety, and welfare of residents; **now, therefore,**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the City Attorney is hereby authorized to modify an existing contract with Columbus Next Generation Corporation, originally authorized by ordinance 1268-2021, by extending the expiration date to December 31, 2024 and by adding $500,000.00 of available resources.

SECTION 2. That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate $500,000.00 within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That per the action authorized by Section 1 of this ordinance, the expenditure of $500,000.00 within the general fund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, is hereby authorized 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 ordinance.

SECTION 6. 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.

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