



## Legislation Text

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### **Background:**

This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods to enter into a grant agreement with Hilltop Rise Economic Community Development Corporation. The mission of this organization is in alignment with the Envision Hilltop Plan through its mission to promote vital economic development and community investment on The Hilltop for residents and business owners.

Hilltop Rise Economic Community Development Corporation is a non-profit Economic Community Development Corporation working to enhance the streetscapes along historic business corridors, preserve affordable commercial real estate, and attract businesses and customers to revitalize the neighborhood for the Greater Hilltop community.

Funding from the City of Columbus Department of Neighborhoods will be used to support the administrative costs for the Hilltop Rise Economic Community Development Corporation, in addition to the personnel costs associated with employing an Executive Director.

This support is in accordance with the relevant provisions of City Code Chapter 329 that relate to not-for-profit service contracts. The services included in this agreement cannot be provided by existing city employees because these services are beyond the City's current responsibility and capacity to provide.

**Fiscal Impact:** The fiscal impact associated with the execution of the contract is in the amount of \$115,000.00 and is to come from Fund 1000 General Fund (GF).

**Emergency Justification:** Emergency action is requested in order to prevent delays in on-going projects and the day-to-day operation of the non-profit.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods to enter into a grant agreement with Hilltop Rise Economic Community Development Corporation to authorize the expenditure of \$115,000.00 from the Department of Neighborhoods General Fund 1000; and to declare an emergency. (\$115,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Hilltop Rise Economic Community Development Corporation is aligned with the goals of the Envision Hilltop Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Hilltop Rise Economic Community Development Corporation will seek to promote vital development and community investment for residents and business owners on The Hilltop; and

**WHEREAS**, this funding will allow Hilltop Rise Economic Community Development Corporation to enhance the streetscapes along historic business corridors, preserve affordable commercial real estate, and attract businesses and customers to revitalize the neighborhood for the Greater Hilltop community; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Neighborhoods in that it is necessary to authorize the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods to enter into contract with Hilltop Rise and to prevent delays in on-going projects and the day-to-day operation of the non-profit; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement

with Hilltop Rise Economic Community Development Corporation.

**SECTION 2.** That the expenditure of \$115,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized within the Department of Neighborhoods General Fund 1000, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** That this contract is awarded in accordance with the relevant provisions of City Code Chapter 329 relating to nonprofit service contracts.

**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 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.