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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with Deaf Services Center. The contract will provide \$40,000.00 from the 2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund for the administrative and equipment costs necessary to eliminate environmental barriers in the residences of low and moderate-income individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. The Deaf Modification Program will provide communication and adaptive equipment necessary to increase the independence and safety of deaf or hard of hearing individuals in the City of Columbus.

Examples of the equipment to be provided include amplified telephones, communication devices, answering machines, motion detectors, strobes, smoke alarms, bed vibrator, baby monitors, individual alert receivers, carbon monoxide detectors and alarm clocks. The Deaf Services Center will provide equipment to approximately 40 eligible applicants citywide.

Emergency action is requested to allow this vital program to continue without interruption.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$40,000.00 is allocated from the Community Development Block Grant Fund for this expenditure.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with the Deaf Services Center to support the Deaf Modification Program; to authorize the expenditure of \$40,000.00 from the Community Development Block Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$40,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Department of Development, Housing Division, desires to enter into a contract with Deaf Services Center (DSC); and

WHEREAS, this contract will allow the contractor to continue to support the operation of the Deaf Modification Program; and

WHEREAS, the Deaf Modification Program will provide communication and adaptive equipment necessary to increase the independence and safety of deaf or hard of hearing individuals in the City of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development, Housing Division, in that it is immediately necessary to enter into a contract with the Deaf Services Center to allow vital program services to continue without interruption, thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; and **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

Section 1. That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Deaf Services Center (DSC) to support the Deaf Modification Program.

Section 2. That for the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$40,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the Department of Development, Housing Division, Department No. 44-10, Fund 248, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3336, OCA Code 440236.

Section 3. That this contract is awarded pursuant to Section 329.15 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959, as amended.

Section 4. 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.