

Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into agreements with various non-profit organizations to assist with the rehabilitation of four emergency shelter facilities serving homeless individuals or families. The total amount of these agreements is \$250,000 from the 2011 Capital Improvement Budget through the Emergency Shelter Repair program.

The Emergency Shelter Repair Program provides funds to emergency shelter facilities in need of repair in order to improve services to homeless individuals or families. A Request for Proposals was issued by the Community Shelter Board (CSB) to emergency shelter providers. Proposals were submitted and then reviewed by CSB and City staff. Repair projects primarily focus on health and safety issues that need to be addressed for the well-being of both staff and clients. Projects include, but are not limited to bathroom, kitchen and laundry renovations, and improved security systems. Each of the agencies is providing matching resources including both cash and/or in-kind contributions.

Emergency action is requested for this legislation in order to comply with the time line for the projects to begin construction.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds for this project are included in the 2011 Capital Improvements Budget in Fund 782 Housing Preservation.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into agreements with various non-profit organizations for the Emergency Shelter Repair Program; to authorize the expenditure of \$250,000 from the Housing Preservation Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$250,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Development desires to enter into agreements with various non profit organizations to implement the Emergency Shelter Repair Program; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Shelter Repair Program will provide funds to assist in the repair of emergency shelter facilities; and

WHEREAS, Huckleberry House, Lutheran Social Services (Faith on 6th), Southeast Mental Health (Friends of the Homeless), and YWCA (Family Center) are non-profit organizations with emergency shelter facilities in need of repair in order to improve services to homeless individuals or families; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City in that it is immediately necessary to enter into agreements with various non profit organizations to implement the Emergency Shelter Repair Program in order to comply with the project construction time lines, all for the preservation of 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 agreements with the Huckleberry House, Lutheran Social Services, Southeast Mental Health, and YWCA

for the purpose of implementing the Emergency Shelter Repair program and assisting with the rehabilitation of four emergency shelter facilities serving homeless individuals or families.

Section 2. That for the purpose as stated in Section 1, the sum of \$250,000.00 or so much thereof as necessary, be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the Housing Preservation Fund, Fund 782, Dept-Div. 44-10, Project 782003-100000, Object Level One 06, Object Level Three 6615, OCA Code 782003 as follows:

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
Huckleberry House		\$51,687
Lutheran Social Services		\$21,714
Southeast Mental Health		\$104,922
YWCA Family Center		<u>\$71,677</u>
-	Total Allocation	\$250,000

Section 3. 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 4. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which 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.