



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with the Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. in an amount up to \$190,000.00 to provide funding for services within the Special Improvement District boundaries.

The Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. (SID), a non-profit organization, has executed three, five year plans, since 2002 for the provision of cleaning, safety, marketing, beautification, and advocacy services in the core area of downtown Columbus. The SID started a fourth, five year plan on January 1, 2017. The current Plan for Services will run through December 31, 2021. A fifth, four year plan will begin on January 1, 2022, and end on December 31, 2025. As part of the Plan for Services in 2012, the Development Department committed to providing a cooperative share of \$100,000 per year to the SID and an additional \$90,000 for a business recruitment specialist to attract new retail businesses to downtown Columbus.

The City's cooperative share will be combined with the property owners share to provide services within the SID boundaries. These services include: Environmental Maintenance, Supplemental Security, Promotions and Marketing, Member Services, and Business Recruitment.

Emergency action is requested to allow the SID to continue the services provided without interruption.

FISCAL IMPACT: The funding of \$190,000 has been allocated from the Economic Development Division's 2021 General Fund Budget.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: The vendor's contract compliance number is 006946 and expires on 12/6/21.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with the Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. to provide funding for services within the Special Improvement District boundaries per the Plan for Services; to authorize the expenditure of \$190,000.00 from the 2021 General Fund Operating Budget; and to declare an emergency. (\$190,000.00)

WHEREAS, since 2002, the Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. (SID) has executed three, five-year plans for the provision of clean, safety, marketing, beautification, and advocacy services in downtown Columbus; and

WHEREAS, the fourth five year plan started on January 1, 2017, with a current Plan for Services to run through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the fifth four year plan starts on January 1, 2022, with a current Plan for Services to run through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Plan for Services in 2012, the Development Department committed to providing a cooperative share of \$100,000.00 for the Special Improvement District and \$90,000.00 for a business recruitment specialist to attract new retail businesses to downtown Columbus; and

WHEREAS, the City's cooperative share will be combined with the property owners share to provide services within the Special Improvement District boundaries. These services include: Environmental Maintenance, Supplemental Security, Promotions and Marketing, Member Services and Business recruitment; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Development Department in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into contract with the Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. in order to continue the services provided without interruption, all for the immediate preservation of the public health, 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 Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. in an amount up to \$190,000.00 to provide funding for services within the Special Improvement District boundaries.

SECTION 2. That for the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$190,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 1000 (General Fund), Dept. 44-02 (Economic Development), in Object Class 03 (Contractual Services) per the accounting codes in the attached to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. Funds are hereby deemed appropriated and expenditures and transfers authorized to carry out the purposes of this ordinance 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. 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 the passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.