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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) is being awarded to the City of Columbus by the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). ESG provides funding for purpose of preventing homelessness and providing emergency shelter and can include and encourage initiatives of rapid re-housing and stabilization for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Additionally the grant can also be used to support the community's Homeless Management Information System to guarantee that the community's plan to end homelessness is based on the most applicable and current homeless data available.

The City of Columbus has been awarded \$459,457.00 from HUD. This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to appropriate Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds in the amount of \$459,457.00 for the provision of homeless services and to enter into a contract with the Community Shelter Board, Inc. (CSB) for the administration of the City's Emergency Solutions Grant monies. Funds will be used to meet the housing needs identified in the Consolidated Plan submitted to HUD.

The contract will provide \$459,457.00 from the Emergency Solutions Grant for the purpose of effectively and efficiently enabling our community to help individuals and families who are homeless resolve their housing crisis. The CSB has been selected because of their history with the city and the homeless service community in the funding and coordination of services to homeless individuals and families, as well as, their established administrative procedures to effectively and efficiently implement such services.

Emergency legislation is in order to continue housing crisis response initiatives without an interruption.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Emergency Solutions Grant allocation is for \$459,457.00. Funds for the contract are allocated from the General Government Grant Fund in the amount of \$459,457.00 for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with the Community Shelter Board for the administration of the Emergency Solutions Grant for the provision of support services for the homeless; to authorize the appropriation of \$459,457.00 from the General Government Grant Fund to the Department of Development; to authorize the expenditure of \$459,457.00 from the General Government Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$459,457.00)

WHEREAS, the City has received \$459,457.00 in Emergency Solutions Grant funds from HUD under the Emergency Solutions Grant Program for the provision of support services to the homeless; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Development desires to enter into a contract with the Community Shelter Board; and

WHEREAS, these programs have effectively and efficiently enabled our community to help individuals and families who are homeless resolve their housing crisis; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract with Community Shelter Board so that necessary services will not be interrupted, 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 contract with the Community Shelter Board for the purpose of effectively and efficiently enabling our community to help individuals and families who are homeless resolve their housing crisis through the Emergency Solutions Grant Program.

Section 2. That from the unappropriated balance of the General Government Grant Fund, Fund 220, Grant 458084 and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the year ending December 31, 2013, the sum of \$459,457.00 is hereby appropriated to the Department of Development, Department 44-10, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337, OCA Code 458090.

Section 3. That for the purpose as stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$459,457.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary and be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the General Government Grant Fund, Fund 220, Grant 458084, Department of Development, Department No. 44-10, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337, OCA Code OCA 458090.

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

Section 6. 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.