



Legislation Text

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This legislation authorizes and directs the Director of Development to enter into contract with the Somali Community Association of Ohio, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting self-sufficiency through employment, education, cultural and social support, and economic empowerment for Columbus' growing Somali population. The SCAO targets low-income Somali families who are new to the United States.

Columbus has the second largest Somali population in the country, and the Somali Community Association of Ohio has been providing much needed services to this growing community of refugees and immigrants since 2000. The SCAO provides information, referral, and outreach services, home management services, transportation, translation, employment assessments, on the job training, English as a Second Language programming, and numerous other services. Councilmember Craig sponsored an amendment to the 2010 Operating Budget to expand said services.

This legislation authorizes and directs the Director of Development to enter into and administer a contract with the Somali Community Association of Ohio for the purpose of supporting these outreach efforts. This ordinance authorizes the use of \$50,000 of General Funds to contract with the Somali Community Association for that purpose.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds for this contract are budgeted within the 2010 Operating Budget pursuant to a City Council amendment earlier this year.

To authorize and direct the Director of the Department of Development to enter into and administer a contract with the Somali Community Association of Ohio for the purpose of administering programs and services and to authorize the expenditure of \$50,000 from the General Fund. (\$50,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Somali Community Association of Ohio, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting self-sufficiency through employment, education, cultural and social support and economic empowerment for Columbus' growing Somali population; and

WHEREAS, Columbus has the second largest Somali population in the country; and

WHEREAS, the SCAO targets low-income Somali families who are new to the United States, providing essential services to this growing immigrant population; and

WHEREAS, the SCAO provides information, referral, and outreach services, home management services, transportation, translation, employment assessments, on the job training, English as a Second Language programming, and numerous other services to Columbus' Somali population; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to enter into contract with the Somali Community Association of Ohio at the earliest available date to maximize program effectiveness for the preservation of public peace, property, health, 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 hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the Somali Community Association of Ohio for the purpose of supporting its role in providing outreach services to Columbus' growing Somali population.
- Section 2.** That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized and directed to administer the contract with the Somali Community Association of Ohio and shall be responsible for monitoring the scope of services to ensure contract compliance.
- Section 3.** That the expenditure of \$50,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the Department of Development, Administration Division No. 44-02, Fund 010, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337, OCA Code 499038.
- Section 4.** That this contract is awarded pursuant to Section 329.15 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959 as amended.
- Section 5.** That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.