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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 grant agreement with Community Refugee and Immigration Services to provide Refugee and Resettlement Services for a twelve-month period for a total amount of \$104,652.00.

This legislation represents a program funded following the Emergency Human Services (EHS) application process as well as the Department of Development's application and evaluation process for General Fund assistance. The legislation targets a social service agency that will provide help to families and households through Refugee and Resettlement Services by assisting with the operating needs of the agency. In addition, the city supports programs and activities so that the greater population is assured access to other community assistance. This funding will allow the process to continue much needed services.

Emergency action is necessary to avoid causing interruptions in the delivery of program services.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes the expenditure of \$28,444.00 from the Emergency Human Services Fund and \$76,208.00 from the General Fund for a total of \$104,652. In 2010, a total of \$902,000.00 in Emergency Human Services Funds and \$2,466,517.00 in General Funds has been allocated to fund social service programs. Companion legislation authorizes the expenditure of the balance of the funds.

To approve the grant application of Community Refugee and Immigration Services seeking financial assistance to address an emergency human service need pursuant to Columbus City Codes, 1959; to authorize the Director of Development to execute a grant agreement with Community Refugee and Immigration Services to provide Refugee and Resettlement Services; to authorize the expenditure of \$28,444.00 from the Emergency Human Services Fund; to authorize the expenditure of \$76,208.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$104,652.00)

WHEREAS, Community Refugee and Immigration Services has submitted a grant application seeking financial assistance for Emergency Human Services Funds; and

WHEREAS, City Council has reviewed the grant applications and hereby declares that the agency has articulated a need for Emergency Human Services operating funds that is sufficient to justify approval of said grant; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Development desires to enter into a grant agreement with Community Refugee and Immigration Services for the continued provision of social services and Child Care Services; and

WHEREAS, City Council is authorized to allocate funds annually to assist social service agencies in the city with the operating costs of delivering programs; and

WHEREAS, the grant will be funded with a combination of Emergency Human Services Funds and General Funds; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to enter into a grant agreement with Community Refugee and Immigration Services to avoid causing interruptions in the delivery of program services, all for the preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

Section 1. That the grant application of Community Refugee and Immigration Services seeking financial assistance to address an emergency human service need pursuant to Section 371.02 (c) of the Columbus City Codes, 1959, is hereby approved.

Section 2. That the Director of the Department of Development be and is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Community Refugee and Immigration Services for the provision of refugee and resettlement services, program development and service delivery efforts for a one-year period.

Section 3. That for the purpose as stated in Section 2, the expenditure of \$28,444.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the Emergency Human Services Fund, Department of Development, Department No. 44-01, Fund 232, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337, OCA Code 499043.

Section 4. That the expenditures authorized herein are in accordance with Section 371.02 (c) of the Columbus City Codes, 1959.

Section 5. Payments are expressly contingent upon the availability of sufficient monies in the Emergency Human Services Fund to cover the obligation set forth in this contract and in no case shall payments exceed available cash in this fund. In this event that there is not sufficient cash in the fund to cover the obligation set forth in this contract, the City Auditor shall have the authority to make all necessary adjustments at his discretion.

Section 6. That for the purpose as stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$76,208.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the General Fund, Department of Development, Department No. 44-01, Fund 010, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337, OCA Code 499038.

Section 7. 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.