



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** As part of the Consent Order and Settlement Agreement between the City of Columbus and Penn National Gaming, Inc., the parties agreed to create the Westside Community Fund. Both the City of Columbus and Penn National Gaming agreed to contribute \$2.5 million to the Westside Community Fund, with the first payment of \$1 million to be made in 2012. Additional contributions of \$750,000 were to be made by each party in 2013. The parties further agreed to each contribute \$500,000 in 2014 and \$250,000 in 2015.

The Westside Community Fund will be used for a variety of projects related to the neighborhood(s) immediately surrounding the Casino development and/or the citizens thereof, including but not limited to job training, minority affairs, economic development and/or capital projects.

This ordinance authorizes the appropriation and expenditure of \$92,500 from the Westside Community Fund for support of The Homes on the Hill CDC. This funding will be used to support their Housing Education and Counseling programs, and to further develop and launch their Financial Capability Programs, which help families achieve and maintain economic well-being.

Emergency action is necessary in order to facilitate the timely and continuing development of the Westside Community and the resulting creation and retention of jobs.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funds have been deposited into the Westside Community Fund from proceeds from the city's allocation of State Casino Tax Revenues to support this expenditure.

To authorize the appropriation of \$92,500.00 from the Westside Community Fund to the Department of Development; to authorize the Director of the Development Department to enter into contract with Homes on the Hill CDC to support their Housing Education and Counseling programs and to further develop and launch their Financial Capability Programs; to authorize the expenditure of \$92,500 from the Westside Community Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$92,500.00)

**WHEREAS,** on June 6, 2011, Columbus City Council passed Ordinance 0889-2011, which authorized the execution of the Consent Order and Settlement Agreement in the case of CD Gaming v. City of Columbus, et al; and

**WHEREAS,** as a part of that settlement, the City of Columbus and Penn National Gaming, Inc. agreed to create the Westside Community Fund; and

**WHEREAS,** each party agreed to contribute \$2.5 million to the Westside Community Fund, with the first payment of \$1 million to be made in 2012, and contributions of \$750,000 in 2013, \$500,000 in 2014 and \$250,000 in 2015; and

**WHEREAS,** the Westside Community Fund will be used for a variety of projects related to the neighborhood(s) immediately surrounding the Casino development and/or the citizens thereof, including but not limited to job training, minority affairs, economic development and/or capital projects; and

**WHEREAS,** as part of this commitment in 2015, each party has agreed to support The Homes on the Hill CDC in the amount of \$92,500 each; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into contract with The Homes on the Hill CDC in order to facilitate the timely and continuing development of the Westside Community and the resulting creation and retention of jobs, such immediate action being necessary for the preservation of the public health, peace, property and safety; and **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

**SECTION 1.** That from the unappropriated balance of the Westside Community Fund, Fund 276, and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purchase during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015, the sum of \$92,500 or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated within Fund/Subfund 276-001, Westside Community Fund, Division 44-01, OCA 276001, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337.

**SECTION 2.** That The Department of Development is hereby authorized to enter into contract with The Homes on the Hill CDC to provide support for their Housing Education and Counseling programs and to further develop and launch their Financial Capability Programs.

**SECTION 3.** That for the purpose stated in Section 2, the expenditure of \$92,500 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the Department of Development, Office of the Director, Division 44-01, Westside Community Fund, Fund/Subfund 276-001, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337, OCA Code 276001.

**SECTION 4.** That all monies necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance are hereby appropriated.

**SECTION 5.** That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for any contract or contract modification associated with the expenditure of the funds in Section 3 above.

**SECTION 6.** That this contract is awarded pursuant to the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of City Code relating to the process for awarding not-for-profit service contracts.

**SECTION 7.** 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.