



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND

This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with Reliable Home Improvements of Ohio, Inc., in an amount up to \$500,000.00 to provide residential lead abatement services as part of the Division of Housing's Lead-Safe Home Renovations Program utilizing SLRF grant funding from the State of Ohio. The term of this contract shall be through the program year 2026 with the option to renew for one (1) additional year.

The Department of Development applied for grant funding for the Lead-Safe Housing Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) grant from the State of Ohio Department of Development and was awarded funds totaling \$5,356,000.00 which was approved by City Council via Ordinance 3209-2023. The Department of Development has partnered with the Department of Public Utilities and they are utilizing \$1,000,000.00 of the funding to assist homeowners in removal/remediation of lead pipes within their homes.

The Lead Safe Ohio-ODOD funding operated by the City's Housing Division allows lead-safe home renovations. The primary goal of establishing funding is to assist low- and moderate-income owners with primary prevention and to reduce immediate and presumed lead hazards in residential properties built before 1978. Awarded contractors will perform the lead safe renovations such as, but not limited to, roof replacements, framing to soffits, fascia, rakes, rafters, and trusses as necessary; installation of gutters/downspouts, repair of porch structure; and wrapping or painting of soffits, fascia, and rake boards.

The Department of Development advertised RFQ027423 on Vendor Services and proposals were received through Bonfire seeking contractors to provide lead safe abatement services for residential properties on April 10, 2024 with bids being due on May 7, 2024. The Lead-Safe Home Renovations Program is a State funded lead abatement program operated by the Housing Division.

Emergency action is requested to continue performing the needed services for residents as quickly as possible and to comply with the terms of the grant from the State of Ohio. Funding must be obligated by quickly otherwise; the funding will be subject to claw back.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding is available within the ODOD LEAD Grant (G442400) Fund budget for this purpose.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE:

Reliable Home Improvements of Ohio, Inc., vendor number 005539 and expires 8/15/2025.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract in an amount up to \$500,000.00 with Reliable Home Improvements of Ohio, Inc., to provide residential lead safe abatement services as part of the Division of Housing's Lead-Safe Home Renovations Program; to authorize the expenditure of \$500,000.00 from the General Government Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$500,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Lead-Safe Home Renovations Program was established to assist low and moderate income homeowners

with lead abatement services that would impact a household remaining safely in their home; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Development has advertised Lead-Safe Home Renovations Program requesting pricing from contractors to provide lead safe abatement services; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Development will enter into a contract with Reliable Home Improvements of Ohio, Inc. to carry out program services; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract with Reliable Home Improvements of Ohio, Inc. as there exists no current lead safe abatement contractor to provide services under the Lead-Safe Home Renovations Program, without which, residents of these households, who cannot afford the expense of services, may not be able to remain in their homes, and to comply with the terms of a grant from the State of Ohio, all for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, and safety; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Department of Development be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract, in an amount up to \$500,000.00, with Reliable Home Improvements of Ohio, Inc., to provide residential lead safe abatement services as part of the Division of Housing's Lead-Safe Home Renovations Program. The term shall be through the program year 2026 with the option to renew for one (1) additional year.

SECTION 2. That for the purpose as stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$500,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 2220 (General Government Grant Fund), Dept-Div 44-10 (Housing), object class 03 (Services) which funding was previously authorized by Ordinance 3209-2023 and ACPO010294.

SECTION 3. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are deemed appropriated, 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. 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 passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.