



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** This ordinance authorizes the appropriation and expenditure of FY 2016 HOME funds to contract with the Community Shelter Board to provide for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) for the Rebuilding Lives Program.

The Community Shelter Board will subcontract with qualified nonprofit organizations to implement TBRA in accordance with HOME Fund regulations for TBRA. These entities will lease housing units for the Rebuilding Lives program. Then they will maintain and operate the housing units and related facilities to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing in accordance with the HUD Housing Quality Standards. The Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) will inspect the units. The City's Consolidated Action Plan for 2015-2019 contains TBRA housing preference priorities for chronically homeless persons.

Emergency action is requested in order to ensure rental subsidies are in place for 2016.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funds for this expenditure are allocated from the Rebuilding Lives set-aside within the Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund allocation of the 2016 HOME Funds. In addition, once the allocation amount is received from HUD, a request will be made to City Council to appropriate and expend the balance of the HOME dollars.

To authorize the appropriation of \$325,000.00 from the HOME Fund to the Department of Development; to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with the Community Shelter Board to provide for tenant-based rental assistance for the Rebuilding Lives Program; to authorize the expenditure of \$325,000.00 from the HOME Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$325,000.00)

**WHEREAS,** the City of Columbus is the recipient of HOME Investment Partnerships funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to appropriate funds from the unappropriated balance of the 2016 HOME Fund to the Department of Development; and

**WHEREAS,** the City is a partner in the Rebuilding Lives initiative to provide permanent supportive housing to chronically homeless persons; and

**WHEREAS,** the City desires to assist the Rebuilding Lives initiative by establishing a tenant-based rental assistance program; and

**WHEREAS,** the City desires to enter into a contract with the Community Shelter Board in order to administer and operate the tenant-based rental assistance program; and

**WHEREAS,** there is an immediate need for tenant-based rental assistance to continue rent subsidies for participants in the Rebuilding Lives Program; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development, Housing Division, in that it is immediately necessary to appropriate funds and to enter into a contract with the Community Shelter Board to permit the payment of tenant-based rental assistance to begin immediately, thereby preserving 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 from the unappropriated monies and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016, the sum of \$325,000 is appropriated in Fund 2201 HOME Program Entitlement in Object Class 03 Contractual Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 2.** That the Director of the Department of Development be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Community Shelter Board to provide for tenant-based rental assistance services.

**SECTION 3.** That for the purpose as stated in Section 2, the expenditure of \$325,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized in 2201 HOME Program Entitlement in Object Class 03 Contractual Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** 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 5.** At the end of the grant period, any repayment of unencumbered balances required by the grantor is hereby authorized and any unused City match monies may be transferred back to the City fund from which they originated in accordance with all applicable grant agreements.

**SECTION 6.** 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 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 approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.