



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) is being awarded to the City of Columbus by the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). ESG provides funding for the purpose of preventing homelessness and providing emergency shelter and can include and encourage initiatives of rapid re-housing and stabilization for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Additionally the grant can also be used to support the community's Homeless Management Information System to guarantee that the community's plan to end homelessness is based on the most applicable and current homeless data available.

The City of Columbus has been awarded \$595,608 from HUD. This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to appropriate Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds in the amount of \$595,608 for the provision of homeless services and to enter into a contract with the Community Shelter Board, Inc. (CSB) for the administration of the City's Emergency Solutions Grant monies. Funds will be used to meet the housing needs identified in the Consolidated Plan submitted to HUD to help individuals and families who are homeless resolve their housing crisis.

The CSB has been selected because of their history with the city and the homeless service community in the funding and coordination of services to homeless individuals and families, as well as, their established administrative procedures to effectively and efficiently implement such services.

Emergency action is in order to continue housing crisis response initiatives without an interruption.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding for this contract in the amount of \$595,608 is provided by an Emergency Solutions Grant awarded to the City of Columbus by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with the Community Shelter Board for the administration of the Emergency Solutions Grant for the provision of support services to homeless individuals; to authorize the appropriation and expenditure of \$595,608 from the General Government Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$595,608)

**WHEREAS,** the City has received \$595,608 in Emergency Solutions Grant funds from HUD under the Emergency Solutions Grant Program for the provision of support services to homeless individuals; and

**WHEREAS,** the Director of the Department of Development desires to enter into a contract with the Community Shelter Board; and

**WHEREAS,** these programs have effectively and efficiently enabled our community to help individuals and families who are homeless resolve their housing crisis; 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 Community Shelter Board so that necessary services will not be interrupted, all for the preservation of 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 the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to contract with the Community Shelter Board for the purpose of effectively and efficiently enabling our community to help individuals and families who are homeless resolve their housing crisis through the Emergency Solutions Grant Program.

**SECTION 2.** That from the unappropriated balance of the General Government Grant Fund, Fund 220, Grant 458084 and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the year ending December 31, 2015, the sum of \$595,608 is hereby appropriated to the Department of Development, Department 44-10, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337, OCA Code 458092.

**SECTION 3.** That for the purpose as stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$595,608 or so much thereof as may be necessary and be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the General Government Grant Fund, Fund 220, Grant 458084, Department of Development, Department 44-10, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337, OCA Code 458092.

**SECTION 4.** 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 5.** 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 6.** That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which 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.