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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to appropriate Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP) funds in the amount of \$2,642,649, received from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the provision of homeless services and to enter into a contract with the Community Shelter Board, Inc. (CSB) (Contract Compliance Number 31-1181284) for the administration of the City's HPRP monies. This ordinance is in accordance with Ordinance 1581-2007, passed November 12, 2007, authorizing the adoption and filing of the Consolidated Plan and application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Ordinance 0671-2009, passed May 11, 2009, for the substantial amendment to the 2008 Consolidated Plan.

Under Title XII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is allocating \$1.5 billion for communities to provide financial assistance and services to either prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless or help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized.

The City of Columbus and Franklin County are collaborating to fund HPRP initiatives that benefit both the city and county. We have agreed to combine our allocations and work through the Rebuilding Lives Funder Collaborative (RLFC) and Community Shelter Board. CSB will then make awards to subgrantees, selected through a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process called CSB Gateway, with funds to provide homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing services. The CSB will disburse the funds to various providers of services to homeless individuals and families, and will monitor those provider activities. The CSB has been selected because of their history with the city and the homeless service community in the coordination of emergency shelter services, as well as, the CSB's established administrative procedures to effectively and efficiently implement such services.

Emergency action is necessary to allow these time-sensitive funds to be expended in accordance with HUD regulations.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds for the contract are allocated from the General Government Grant Fund in the amount of \$2,642,649.00 for the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program. The City also provides funding to the Community Shelter Board from the General Fund and Community Development Block Grant budgets.

To authorize the appropriation of \$2,642,649.00 from the General Government Grant Fund to the Department of Development; to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into contract with the Community Shelter Board for the purpose of continuing the city's support for homeless emergency shelters; to authorize the expenditure of \$2,642,649.00 from the General Government Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency (\$2,642,649.00)

WHEREAS, the City has received \$2,642,649.00 in the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program from HUD under Title XII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to provide financial assistance and services to either prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless or help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized; and

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

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract with Community Shelter Board to allow these time-sensitive funds to be expended in accordance with HUD regulations, 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 from the unappropriated balance of the General Government Grant Fund, Fund 220, Grant 459104 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, 2009, the sum of \$2,642,649.00 is hereby appropriated to the Department of Development, Division 44-10, Grant 459104, OCA 459104, Object Level One: 03.

Section 2. That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to contract with the Community Shelter Board for the purpose of continuing the city's support for emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families.

Section 3. That this contract is awarded pursuant to Section 329.15 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959, as amended.

Section 4. That for the purpose as stated in Section 2, the expenditure of \$2,642,649.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary and be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the General Government Grant Fund, Department of Development, Department No. 44-10, Fund 220, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337, OCA Code 459104, Grant No. 459104.

Section 5. 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.