



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with the Lutheran Social Services (LSS), a nonprofit 501(c) (3) organization, for the acquisition of real property located at 217 N. Grant Avenue. The new site allows for the women's shelter, known as Nancy's Place, and the men's shelter to be located adjacent to the Faith Mission Client Services Center. Closer proximity of the two facilities creates greater efficiency for staff serving sheltered clients and promotes client convenience. Relocation of the two shelters allows for further redevelopment of the Long Street corridor.

This legislation authorizes the expenditure of \$1,000,000 to LSS for the acquisition 217 N. Grant Avenue to enhance neighborhood and human services.

Emergency action is necessary to allow for the LSS to immediately begin the acquisition process.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding authority is available in the 2015 Capital Improvements Budget in the Housing Preservation Fund, Fund 782. The maximum amount of the grant provided within the grant agreement authorized to be expended by this ordinance is \$1,000,000.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with Lutheran Social Services to provide funding for the acquisition of real property located at 217 N. Grant Avenue; to authorize the Director of Development to expend \$1,000,000.00 from the Housing Preservation Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$1,000,000.00)

WHEREAS, this legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with Lutheran Social Services (LSS); and

WHEREAS, the funds provided by the grant agreement will be used to assist LSS in the acquisition of 217 N. Grant Avenue for the purpose of relocating the women's and men's shelter; and

WHEREAS, the new site allows for the women's shelter known as, Nancy's Place, and the men's shelter to be located adjacent to the Faith Mission Client Services Center; and

WHEREAS, closer proximity of the two facilities creates greater efficiency for staff serving sheltered clients and promotes client convenience; and

WHEREAS, relocation of the two shelters also allows for redevelopment of the Long Street corridor; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development, Housing Division, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into a grant agreement with Lutheran Social Services to allow the acquisition process 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 the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Lutheran Social Services to provide funding for the acquisition 217 N. Grant Avenue for the purpose of relocating the women's and men's shelter closer to the Faith Mission Client Services Center.

SECTION 2. That for the purpose stated in Section 1, the sum of up to \$1,000,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized to be expended from the Housing Preservation Fund, Fund 782, Project 782003-100001, Emergency Shelter Repair-Faith Mission, Object Level One 06, Object Level Three 6615, OCA 782301.

SECTION 3. 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 4. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for any contract or contract modification associated with this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.

SECTION 6. 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.