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Legislation Text

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At the direction of the President of City Council, this legislation authorizes and directs the Director of the Department of Development to modify contract EL010380 with the Community Shelter Board by adding \$300,000.00 from the General Fund to the existing contract.

Based upon data provided by the Community Shelter Board, City Council determined the necessity to respond without delay to the significant increase in demand for emergency shelter during the cold weather months. In 2010, demand has spiked far beyond comparative numbers from 2009. Through November of this year, families seeking emergency housing beyond the capacity of existing shelters produced an alarming 3,757% increase in family overflow shelter nights as compared to the entire calendar year in 2009 (2160 shelter nights compared to 56). Furthermore, single adult overflow in October and November of 2010 has increased 41% as compared to the same time period in 2009 (3344 shelter nights compared to 2366). As the weather becomes even more severe, both family and single adult overflow is expected to escalate.

By authorizing and directing the appropriation and expenditure of \$300,000 in the General Fund, City Council will ensure the city's uninterrupted support for homeless shelters. The Community Shelter Board will disburse the additional funds to various providers of services to homeless individuals and families, and will monitor those provider activities. The Community Shelter Board 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 Community Shelter Board's established administrative procedures to effectively and efficiently implement such services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds are available in the General Fund for this appropriation and expenditure.

To authorize the appropriation of \$300,000.00 from the General Fund to the Department of Development; to authorize and direct the Director of the Department of Development to execute a contract modification with the Community Shelter Board for the purpose of continuing the city's support for homeless emergency shelters; to authorize the expenditure of \$300,000.00 from the General Fund and to declare an emergency. (\$300,000.00)

WHEREAS, a need exists for homeless emergency shelters; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to authorize and direct the Director of the Department of Development to execute a contract modification with the Community Shelter Board; and

WHEREAS, the city continues to support the Community Shelter Board's work with emergency shelter for homeless individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, this program has 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 city in that it is immediately necessary to modify a contract with the Community Shelter Board so that vital 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 this Council appropriates \$300,000 within the General Fund as follows:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>OCA Code</u>	<u>Object Level 3</u>	<u>Amount</u>
44-10	010	440284	3337	\$300,000

SECTION 2. That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized and directed to modify contract EL010380 with the Community Shelter Board for the purpose of continuing the city's uninterrupted support for emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families.

SECTION 3. That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents relative to the modification of contract EL010380 to guarantee the Community Shelter Board shall be in receipt of \$300,000 no later than close of business on December 16, 2010.

SECTION 4. That this contract is awarded pursuant to Section 329.15 of the Columbus City Code, 1959, as amended.

SECTION 5. That for the purpose as stated in Section 2, the expenditure of \$300,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary and be and is hereby authorized and directed to be expended from the Department of Development, Department No. 44-10, Fund 010, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337, OCA Code 440284 no later than close of business on December 16, 2010.

SECTION 6. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is 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.