



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the appropriation and expenditure of \$10,000.00 from the Emergency Human Services Fund to the Department of Development, Neighborhood Services Division, for the purpose of entering into a grant agreement with the United Way of Central Ohio to support their coordination of the 2007 tax-season Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Program.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds for the grant are allocated from the FY2007 Emergency Human Services Fund.

To authorize the appropriation of \$10,000.00 from the unappropriated balance of the Emergency Human Services Fund to the Department of Development; to approve the grant application of United Way of Central Ohio seeking emergency assistance for costs associated with the delivery of their program pursuant to Section 371.02 (c) of the Columbus City Codes, 1959; to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with the United Way of Central Ohio for support of their work in coordinating the 2007 tax-year Earned Income Tax Credit program; to authorize the expenditure of \$10,000.00 from the Emergency Human Services Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$10,000.00)

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Chair of Columbus City Council's Health, Housing and Human Services Committee and the Director of the Department of Development to appropriate funds from the unappropriated balance of the Emergency Human Services Fund and to distribute these funds to the United Way of Central Ohio to support their coordination of the 2007 tax-season Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 371.02(c) of the Columbus City Codes, 1959, City Council is authorized to allocate funds annually to assist social service agencies in the city with the emergency costs of delivering programs; and

WHEREAS, City Council has reviewed the grant application of the United Way of Central Ohio and hereby declares that they have articulated a need for Emergency Human Services Operating funds that is sufficient to justify approval of said grants; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus and Columbus City Council Office have been an active participant in the local EITC program for over six years; and

WHEREAS, the United Way of Central Ohio is allowing the City to reduce duplication of efforts and maximize resources by coordinating the 2007 tax-season EITC effort; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development, Neighborhood Services Division, in that it is immediately necessary to appropriate and expend the aforementioned funds in time for the 2007 tax season, 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 grant application of the United Way of Central Ohio, seeking financial assistance to address emergency human service needs pursuant to Section 371.02 (c) of the Columbus City Codes, 1959, is hereby approved.

Section 2. That from the unappropriated monies in the Emergency Human Services Fund, and from any and all sources unappropriated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007, the sum of \$10,000.00 be and is hereby appropriated to the Department of Development, Department No. 44-05, Fund 232, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337, OCA Code 445205.

Section 3. That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized and directed to provide emergency grant assistance totaling \$10,000.00 to the United Way of Central Ohio for support of their work in coordinating the 2007 tax-year Earned

Income Tax Credit program.

Section 4. That the expenditures authorized herein are in accordance with Section 371.02 (c) of the Columbus City Codes, 1959.

Section 5. That for the purpose as stated in Section 3, the expenditure of \$10,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the Emergency Human Services Fund, Department of Development, Department No. 44-05, Fund 232, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337, OCA Code 445205.

Section 6. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part thereof, 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.