

Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** The Small Business Development Center located in Columbus State Community College provides technical assistance to small businesses. City funding has been provided to support staffing and administrative costs of the Small Business Development Center in the past. This City/Columbus State/small business networking relationship through the center has proven effective with an average of 40 clients served each month.

Emergency action is requested in order for the Small Business Development Center to continue providing services to potential businesses in Columbus uninterrupted.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$23,085 in 2008 General Fund monies has been programmed for this project.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with Columbus State Community College, Small Business Development Center; to authorize the expenditure of \$23,085 from the 2008 General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$23,085)

WHEREAS, the Small Business Development Center provides professional and technical expertise to small businesses; and

WHEREAS, a need exists in Columbus for professional and technical expertise in the areas of business retention and expansion; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the effective programs and assistance provided by the Center to small businesses, it is worthwhile to provide continued funding to the Center to carry out its work; and

WHEREAS, emergency action is required in order for the Small Business Development Center to continue providing technical services to potential businesses in Columbus uninterrupted; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to enter into an agreement with Columbus State Community College to fund the Small Business Development Center, all for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; 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 contract with Columbus State Community College for the purpose of funding the Small Business Development Center.
Section 2.	That the expenditure of \$23,085 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized to be expended from Department of Development, Economic Development Division, Division No. 44-02, General Fund No. 010, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3336, OCA Code 440314.
Section 3.	That this contact is awarded pursuant to Section 329.15 of the Columbus City Code, 1959, as amended.
Section 4.	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 passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.