



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** This legislation authorizes the expenditure of \$60,000 to engage the professional services of Columbus Sister Cities International, Inc. (CSCI) to administer the Columbus Sister Cities International Program. CSCI promotes business, government, and educational exchanges between our Sister Cities in Dresden Germany, Genoa Italy, Hefei China, Herzliya Israel, Odense Denmark, Seville Spain and Tainan Taiwan to foster long-term economic development. City funding was provided in 2007 to support staffing and administrative costs of CSCI. CSCI has worked diligently to raise capital for its overall operation but additional support is required to maintain a full-time executive director and to defray miscellaneous administrative costs.

Emergency action is required to avoid interruptions in program services.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** \$60,000 is allocated in the 2008 General Fund budget for Columbus Sister Cities International.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with Columbus Sister Cities International, Inc.; to authorize the expenditure of \$60,000 from the 2008 General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$60,000)

**WHEREAS,** the Sister Cities International Program promotes business, government, and educational exchanges between our Sister Cities; and

**WHEREAS,** our current Sister Cities are Dresden Germany, Genoa Italy, Hefei China, Herzliya Israel, Odense Denmark, Seville Spain and Tainan Taiwan; and

**WHEREAS,** the funding for this project will be used for administrative costs associated with the Sister Cities International Inc. Program; and

**WHEREAS,** emergency action is necessary to allow Sister Cities International, Inc. to provide services to our Sister Cities uninterrupted; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into an agreement with the Columbus Sister Cities International, Inc., thereby, continuing the City's effort to promote cultural and economic exchanges with the City's existing sister cities and to explore the possibility of recruiting new sister cities worldwide, 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 the Director of the Department of Development is authorized to enter into a contract with Columbus Sister Cities International, Inc. to administer the Columbus Sister Cities International Program.

**Section 2.** That the expenditure of \$60,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the Department of Development, Economic Development Division, Division 44-02, General Fund, Fund 010, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3336, OCA Code 440314.

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

**Section 4.** That for 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 an be in force from the after is approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.