

Legislation Text

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**<u>BACKGROUND</u>**: The City is a participating jurisdiction receiving federal funds under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The regulations of the program provide that up to five percent of the annual allocation may be granted to Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) to pay operating costs of the agencies. CHDOs are nonprofit organizations that work in neighborhoods to develop affordable housing through rehabilitation of existing housing stock or new in-fill construction.

This legislation authorizes the expenditure of \$158,087.55 of HOME Funds and also authorizes the Director of Development to enter into a contract with the Community Development Collaborative of Greater Columbus (Collaborative) to serve in the role as a funding intermediary, facilitator of training, and builder of organizational capacity. These funds leverage additional public and private funds for operating support of CHDOs. The City and the Collaborative have collectively developed a process for distribution of the funds. The Collaborative will administer contracts for the following CHDOs:

Community Development for All People	\$35,771.89
Franklinton Development Association	\$35,771.89
Greater Linden Development Corporation	\$35,771.89
Homes on the Hill CDC	\$35,771.88
MiraCit Development Corporation	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
Total \$158,087.55	

Contract figures represent only the City HOME funded portion of the CHDOs total contracts. Emergency action is requested to avoid disruptions in program services.

FISCAL IMPACT: The 2012 HOME Program budget allocated a total of \$158,087.55 for CHDO operating support.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with the Community Development Collaborative of Greater Columbus to provide CHDO operating support; to authorize the expenditure of \$158,087.55 from the HOME Fund; and to declare an emergency (\$158,087.55).

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus is the recipient of HOME Investment Partnerships funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

**WHEREAS,** the City desires to make a portion of the HOME funds available to Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) to pay a portion of their operating costs to stimulate the development of affordable housing for low income households in their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, support for CHDOs can foster the revitalization of Columbus neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS,** the City desires to enter into a contract with the Community Development Collaborative of Greater Columbus in order to administer the CHDO contracts; and

WHEREAS, emergency action is required to avoid disruptions in program services; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development, Housing Division, in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract with the Community Development Collaborative of Greater Columbus and to expend said funds 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 be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Community Development Collaborative of Greater Columbus to serve in the role as a funding intermediary, facilitator of training, and builder of organizational capacity for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs).

**Section 2.** That for the purpose as stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$158,087.55 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the Department of Development, Department No. 44-10, Fund 201, Grant No. 458001, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337, OCA Code 442232.

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

**Section 4.** That 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 approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.