



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: In response to the housing mortgage crisis, the City of Columbus has been awarded \$4,843,460 of Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 (NSP3) grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Council Ordinance 0782-2011 appropriated the funds to purchase foreclosed or abandoned properties, and the redevelopment, rehabilitation or demolition of properties in order to stabilize neighborhoods and stem the decline of house values of neighboring homes.

This legislation authorizes the expenditure of \$484,000 from the General Government Grant Fund and authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into agreements with Franklinton Development Association, Community Development for All People, and Columbus Housing Partnership to provide demolition and deconstruction services for various structures under the Columbus Land Bank Program. Most of the resulting lots will be redeveloped by the organizations under the Duxberry Landing and Southern Gateway Homes projects.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding for these contracts is allocated from a Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into agreements with the Franklinton Development Association, Community Development for All People, and Columbus Housing Partnership to provide demolition and deconstruction services for properties acquired under the Neighborhood Stabilization and Land Reutilization Programs; to authorize the expenditure of \$484,000.00 from the General Government Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$484,000.00)

Whereas, ordinance 0162-2011 adopted the City's Neighborhood Stabilization Program, authorized the filing of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program application with HUD, and made a substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan's 2010 Action Plan; and

Whereas, ordinance 0782-2011 appropriated monies in various divisions and object levels of the General Government Grant Fund to provide funding for approved NSP 3 programs; and

Whereas, the City's NSP3 application specified the expenditure of \$484,000 for the demolition of blighted structures within designated NSP-3 target areas; and

Whereas, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contracts for the demolition and deconstruction of existing City-owned properties under the Neighborhood Stabilization and Land Reutilization Programs, 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, or his designee, is authorized to enter into agreements with the Franklinton Development Association, Community Development for All People, and Columbus Housing Partnership to provide demolition and deconstruction services for properties acquired under the Neighborhood Stabilization and Land Reutilization Programs.

Section 2. That the expenditure of \$484,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Department of Development, Division No. 44-01, General Government Grant Fund, Fund 220, Grant No. 441103, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3336, OCA Code 441106 for the aforesaid purpose is hereby authorized.

Section 3. That these contracts are awarded pursuant to Section 329.15 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959 as amended.

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