



## Legislation Text

---

**File #:** 0645-2012, **Version:** 1

---

**BACKGROUND:** This legislation authorizes the expenditure of \$50,000 to engage the professional services of Columbus Sister Cities International, Inc. to administer the Columbus Sister Cities International Program (CSCI). The purpose of CSCI is to promote business, government, and educational exchanges between our Sister Cities who are Dresden Germany, Genoa Italy, Hefei China, Herzliya Israel, Odense Denmark, Seville Spain and Tainan Taiwan for long-term economic development. City funding was provided in 2008 and 2009 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.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** \$50,000 has been allocated in the 2012 General Fund budget for Sister Cities International.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with Columbus Sister Cities International, Inc. to administer the Columbus Sister Cities International Program; to authorize the expenditure of \$50,000 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$50,000)

**WHEREAS,** the Sister Cities International Program promotes business, government, and educational exchanges between out 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 continue the administration of said activity, 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 authorized to enter into an agreement for the purpose of engaging the professional services of the Columbus Sister Cities International, Inc. to administer the Columbus Sister Cities International Program.

**Section 2.** That the expenditure of \$50,000 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 3337, 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 and 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.