



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes the expenditure of up to \$400,000 from the Housing Preservation Fund 782 as match funds for the City's grant through the Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funds will allow the Lead Safe Columbus Program to provide property owners with grants for lead safe, affordable housing for families with low and moderate income under HUD guidelines by providing lead abatement activities in accordance with HUD guidelines, including but not limited to, lead level testing and clearance tests performed on city lead hazard control and/or home repair projects.

This legislation is submitted as an emergency to allow the program's activities to continue without interruption.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding is available in the Housing Preservation Fund 782 of the 2012 Capital Improvements Budget.

To authorize the expenditure of up to \$400,000.00 from the 2012 Housing Preservation Fund for the provision of grants providing lead abatement activities in accordance with HUD guidelines under the Lead Safe Columbus Program; and to declare an emergency. (\$400,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Department of Development has entered into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Program. HUD funding will provide grants for property owners for lead safe, affordable housing for families with low and moderate income under HUD guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the agreement with HUD requires a local city match of funds; and

WHEREAS, monies from the Housing Preservation Fund will be used providing lead abatement activities in accordance with HUD guidelines, including but not limited to, lead level testing and clearance tests performed on city lead hazard control and/or home repair projects; and

WHEREAS, emergency action is necessary to allow the program's activities to continue without interruption, and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development, Housing Division, in that it is immediately necessary to expend said funds to provide grants for lead abatement activities as soon as possible 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 expenditure of capital improvement budget funds from this authorization will be for the provision of grants providing lead abatement activities in accordance with HUD guidelines, including but not limited to, lead level testing and clearance tests performed on city lead hazard control and/or home repair projects under the Lead Safe Columbus Program.

Section 2. That for the purpose as stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$400,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized from the Department of Development, Division 44-10, Fund 782, Project Number 782002 -100000, Object Level One 06, Object Level Three 6617, OCA Code 782002.

Section 3. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for any contract or contract modification associated with the expenditure of the funds in Section 2 above.

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.