



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The purpose of this ordinance is to appropriate \$324,500.00 for continuation of professional services for the Southern Gateway Revitalization Project. This ordinance authorizes the appropriation and transfer of \$324,500.00 from the General Fund to the Community Relations Commission. The ordinance also authorizes the Community Relations Commission to modify the contract with Centripetal Strategies and MurphyEpson, Inc., for completion of the community input and initiative implementation plan with supporting budgets for the Southern Gateway Revitalization project devoted to the revitalization of the Southern Gateway/ South Parsons Ave. area of the South Side of Columbus.

The consultant was awarded the contract in December 2012 by the Director of the Community Relations Commission and an appropriate review committee representing the Department of Development, the Community Relations Commission, Community Development for All People, the United Way of Central Ohio, the Columbus Foundation, the South Side Area Commission and the Parsons Avenue Merchants Association.

To date the planning process has produced the framework for a shared vision and strategic plan. The next step is to finalize the implementation plan which will serve as the foundation for the Southern Gateway community by incorporating existing and future projects among current and future champions and supporters for efforts to revitalize the Southern Gateway/South Parsons area on the South Side of Columbus.

Emergency action is requested to continue the work Southern Gateway Revitalization planning and implementation process without interruption.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$324,500.00 is available for this contract within the City's General Fund.

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To authorize and direct the City Auditor to transfer \$324,500.00 of appropriation authority within the General Fund; to authorize the Community Relations Commission to modify the contract with Centripetal Strategies and MurphyEpson, Inc., for the continued development of a comprehensive community input and initiative implementation plan; to authorize an expenditure of \$324,500.00; and to declare an emergency. (\$324,500.00)

WHEREAS, Mayor Michael B. Coleman announced the South Side Initiatives Fund for the Southern Gateway/South Parsons Avenue area of the city's South Side at the 2012 State of the City address; and

WHEREAS, a review committee representing the Department of Development, the Community Relations Commission, Community Development for All People, the United Way of Central Ohio, the Columbus Foundation, the South Side Area Commission and the Parsons Avenue Merchants Association reviewed the consultant proposals and prepared a recommendation; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposal was posted and circulated per code, 3 proposals were submitted and three teams were interviewed; and

WHEREAS, the Community Relations Commission selected Centripetal Strategies and MurphyEpson, Inc., a contract was awarded and accepted by Columbus City Council on December 12, 2012 to undertake and prepare the Southern Gateway Revitalization Collaborative Plan; and

WHEREAS, the process and its final plan will provide a community and stakeholder based vision for guiding reinvestment and revitalization in the Southern Gateway area to improve the quality of residential life and civic and commercial activity; and

WHEREAS, emergency action is necessary to allow the Director of the Community Relations Commission to modify and continue a contract with Centripetal Strategies and MurphyEpson, Inc., in order to continue the work with the Southern Gateway Revitalization planning process without interruption; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Community Relations Commission in that it is immediately necessary to transfer said funds and to modify the contract with Centripetal Strategies and MurphyEpson, Inc., 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 City Auditor be and is hereby authorized and directed to transfer appropriation authority within the General Fund from the Department of Development, Division No. 44-01, totaling \$324,500.00 from Obj. Level One - 03, Obj. Level Three -3337, OCA-499038 to the Community Relations Commission, Department 40-02, Obj. Level One - 03, Obj. Level Three 3336, OCA Code 400215.

SECTION 2. That the Community Relations Commission is hereby authorized to modify the contract with Centripetal Strategies and MurphyEpson, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$324,500.00 to continue and complete the Southern Gateway Revitalization Collaborative Plan.

SECTION 3. That for the purpose stated in Section 2, the expenditure of \$324,500.00, or so much thereof as necessary, be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the Community Relations Commission General Fund, Department/Division No 40-02, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3336, OCA Code 400215.

SECTION 4. That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 4 shall be paid upon the order of the Director of the Community Relations Commission, and that no order shall be drawn or money paid except by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

SECTION 5. That this contract is awarded pursuant to Section 329.14 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959 as amended.

SECTION 6. 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 and after its passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.