



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with the Greater Linden Development Corporation for costs associated with revitalization efforts in the Greater Linden area. The Greater Linden Development Corporation (GLDC), formed in 1994, is a 501© 3 non-profit organization governed by a 24 member board of trustees. It was created as a direct result of the resident involvement in determining the future of Linden through the South Linden Development Project conducted by Downtown Columbus, Inc. GLDC has continuously worked to revitalize the Linden community and improve the quality of life for area residents and businesses.

The organization has a comprehensive strategy which incorporates initiatives in the following areas: Business and economic development, housing, community development, planning and coordination and community safety and beautification. The organization is the area's primary coordinator of long-term planning and economic development entity. GLDC is a collaborative organization that works with various organizations and representatives in the community to bring the expertise, experience and knowledge to successfully achieve community and economic development. The organization also serves as the liaison in the community for the Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization Area. The City of Columbus has partnered with GLDC to provide business and economic development services to the Linden area.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** \$28,753 has been allocated in the 2014 CDBG Fund budget for this purpose.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with the Greater Linden Development Corporation for administrative costs associated with revitalization efforts in the Greater Linden area; to authorize the expenditure of \$28,753.00 from the Community Development Block Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$28,753.00)

**WHEREAS,** the Greater Linden Development Corporation is a not-for-profit organization formed in 1994; and

**WHEREAS,** the Greater Linden area is in need of major housing and commercial revitalization efforts, and

**WHEREAS,** the Greater Linden Development Corporation provides services to assist with housing and commercial revitalization; and

**WHEREAS,** the Greater Linden Development Corporation serves as an Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization Area leader for the Linden area; and

**WHEREAS,** the CDBG funds allocated to the Greater Linden Development Corporation will be for administrative purposes only; and

**WHEREAS,** emergency action is required to allow the above activities to continue without interruption; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to enter into this contract, 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 hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with the Greater Linden Development Corporation for administrative costs associated with revitalization efforts in the Greater Linden area.

**Section 2.** That this contract is awarded pursuant to Section 329.15 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959 as amended.

**Section 3.** That for the purposes as stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$28,753 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Department of Development, Economic Development Division, Division 44-02, Fund 248, Subfund 002, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337, OCA 410419.

**Section 4.** That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

**Section 5.** 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 passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.