



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with the Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio, Inc. (CPCO) for the purpose of establishing and expanding pharmacy services associated with a direct medical referral linkage of new patients to receive these services. This linkage will produce an increase in the number of new patients qualified to be patients at CPCO and to medication therapy evaluation, patient disease management and medication education that will lead to improved health status. This linkage will produce/expand clinical information feedback to the patient's primary care physician for medical management.

Patients currently come to CPCO from hospitals, medical offices, mental health agency patient care coordinators, homeless shelters and halfway houses, federally qualified health centers and word of mouth from family and friends. This grant will allow CPCO to create and expand a process of direct patient referral with specific organizations with which we currently collaborate (ex. Physicians Care Connection, Mount Carmel Mobile Clinic, and others to be determined). The City of Columbus will have the opportunity to identify other direct referral partners as it becomes feasible to expand to include other referral partners.

The Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio is located at 200 East Livingston Avenue and is a pharmacy licensed by the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy. The collaborative work of community, church, and healthcare organizations produced the creation of this 501(c)3 corporation in 2008 that opened as the Charitable Pharmacy in February of 2010.

Emergency action is requested so that the delivery of important program services to the community can begin without delay.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** \$25,000 is budgeted from the Emergency Human Services Fund for this purpose.

To approve the grant application of the Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio, Inc. seeking financial assistance to address an emergency human service need pursuant to Columbus City Codes, 1959; to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with the Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio, Inc. for the purpose of establishing and expanding affordable and appropriate pharmacy services for income eligible individuals who are uninsured or underinsured for prescription medications; to authorize the expenditure of \$25,000.00 from the Emergency Human Services Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$25,000.00)

**WHEREAS,** this legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with the Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio, Inc. (CPCO) for the purpose of establishing and expanding pharmacy services associated with a direct medical referral linkage of new patients to receive these services; and

**WHEREAS,** this linkage will produce an increase in the number of new patients qualified to be patients at CPCO and to medication therapy evaluation, patient disease management and medication education that will lead to improved health status; and

**WHEREAS,** patients currently come to CPCO from hospitals, medical offices, mental health agency patient care coordinators, homeless shelters and halfway houses, federally qualified health centers and word of mouth from family

and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, this grant will allow CPCO to create and expand a process of direct patient referral with specific organizations with which we currently collaborate (ex. Physicians Care Connection, Mount Carmel Mobile Clinic, and others to be determined); and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation authorizes the expenditure of \$25,000.00 from the Emergency Human Services Fund for this purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to enter into the grant agreement with the Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio, Inc. so that the delivery of important program services to the community can begin without delay, all for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, safety and welfare; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the grant application of the Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio, Inc. seeking financial assistance to address an emergency human service need pursuant to Section 371.02 (c) of the Columbus City Codes, 1959, is hereby approved.

**SECTION 2.** That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio, Inc. for the purpose of establishing and expanding affordable and appropriate pharmacy services for income eligible individuals who are uninsured or underinsured for prescription medications.

**SECTION 3.** That for the purpose as stated in Section 2, the expenditure of \$25,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the Emergency Human Services Fund, Department of Development, Department 44-01, Fund 232, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337, OCA Code 499043.

**SECTION 4.** That the expenditure authorized herein is in accordance with Section 371.02 (c) of the Columbus City Codes, 1959.

**SECTION 5.** Payments are expressly contingent upon the availability of sufficient monies in the Emergency Human Services Fund to cover the obligation set forth in this contract and in no case shall payments exceed available cash in this fund. In this event that there is not sufficient cash in the fund to cover the obligation set forth in this contract, the City Auditor shall have the authority to make all necessary adjustments at his discretion.

**SECTION 6.** 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 7.** That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is made a part hereof, this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and shall 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.