



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** This legislation authorizes the Director of Development to enter into contract with the University Community Business Association (UCBA) to assist in small business development efforts in the University District. UCBA was founded in December 1984 to address the economic development and sustainability concerns facing businesses in the University District. Through organization and communication, the UCBA strives to be a collective advocate for business needs and an intermediary between the City of Columbus, Ohio State and other entities. The UCBA was also established to facilitate peer to peer business connections, market the attributes of doing business with the University District and provide a source of education for business owners through regular business forums. The City of Columbus desires to provide the UCBA with administrative funds to support these efforts.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This legislation authorizes the expenditure of \$30,000 from the Jobs Growth Fund for this purpose.

**Emergency action** is requested to allow UCBA to continue to serve the business community in the University District without interruption.

To authorize the Director of Development to enter into contract with the University Community Business Association for the purpose of providing administrative funding to assist with small business development efforts in the University District; to authorize the appropriation and expenditure of \$30,000.00 from the Jobs Growth Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$30,000.00)

**WHEREAS,** the University Community Business Associations provides a source of education for business owners through regular business; and

**WHEREAS,** UCBA was formed in 1984 to address the economic development and sustainability concerns facing businesses in the University District; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Columbus desires to provide the University Community Business Association with administrative funds to assist in small business efforts in the University District; and

**WHEREAS,** UCBA has been successful in providing peer to peer business connections and marketing the attributes of doing business with the University District; and

**WHEREAS,** the City, the Department of Development, and the Economic Development Division wishes to assist UCBA and is desirous of entering into contract for the purpose of continuing to facilitate peer to peer business connections and serve as a source of education for business owners in the University District; and

**WHEREAS,** emergency action is requested to allow UCBA to continue to serve the business community in the University District 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 contract with the University Community Business Association, thereby preserving 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 Development is hereby authorized to enter into contract with the University Community Business Association for the purpose of providing administrative funding to assist with small business development efforts in the University District.

**SECTION 2.** That from the unappropriated monies in the Jobs Growth Fund, Fund 015, and from all monies estimated to come into said Fund from any and all sources for the period ending December 31, 2014, the sum of \$30,000.00 is hereby appropriated to the Department of Development, Division 44-02, Object Level One-03, Object Level Three-3337, OCA Code 440215.

**SECTION 3.** That for the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$30,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be expended from the Jobs Growth Fund, Fund 015, Department of Development, Division 44-02, Object Level One- 03, Object Level Three- 3337, OCA Code 440215.

**SECTION 4.** That this contract is awarded pursuant to Section 329.15 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959 as amended.

**SECTION 5.** 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 6.** 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.