



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** This legislation authorizes the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with HandsOn Central Ohio to assist with the operating costs needed to support Mobile Food Access in Linden, Franklinton and the South Side.

Franklinton, North Linden and the South Side contain seven (7) of the most food insecure zip codes in the City of Columbus. These neighborhoods include eight (8) of the most undersubscribed food pantries in the food pantry network and results in over 50,000 meals going unconsumed each year. Targeting these eight pantries with mobile food pantry scheduling will improve services for clients, efficiencies for pantries and the consumption of existing food resources and projects to increase the access to emergency food by 30% without additional food supply costs.

This legislation represents a program funded following the Emergency Human Services (EHS) application process. The City supports programs and activities so that the greater population is assured access to other community assistance. This funding will allow the process to continue much needed services.

This legislation is presented as an emergency in order to provide assistance to the organization in a timely manner to prevent a disruption in services.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This legislation authorizes the appropriation and expenditure of \$135,349.00 from the Emergency Human Services Fund for this purpose.

To approve the grant application of HandsOn Central Ohio seeking financial assistance to address an emergency human service need pursuant to Columbus City Code; to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with HandsOn Central Ohio to assist with the operating costs needed to support Mobile Food Access in Linden, Franklinton and the South Side; to authorize the appropriation of \$135,349.00 from the unappropriated balance of the Emergency Human Services Fund to the Department of Development; to authorize the expenditure of \$135,349.00 from the Emergency Human Services Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$135,349.00)

**WHEREAS,** HandsOn Central Ohio has submitted a grant application seeking financial assistance for Emergency Human Services Funds; and

**WHEREAS,** City Council has reviewed the grant applications and hereby declares that the agency has articulated a need for Emergency Human Services operating funds that is sufficient to justify approval of said grant; and

**WHEREAS,** this legislation authorizes the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with HandsOn Central Ohio in order to assist with the operating costs needed to support Mobile Food Access in Linden, Franklinton and the South Side; and

**WHEREAS,** Franklinton, North Linden and the South Side contain seven (7) of the most food insecure zip codes in the City of Columbus. These neighborhoods include eight (8) of the most undersubscribed food pantries in the food pantry network and results in over 50,000 meals going unconsumed each year; and

**WHEREAS,** targeting these eight pantries with mobile food pantry scheduling will improve services for clients,

efficiencies for pantries and the consumption of existing food resources and projects to increase the access to emergency food by 30% without additional food supply costs; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council is authorized to allocate funds annually to assist social service agencies in the city with the operating costs of delivering programs; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to enter into a grant agreement with HandsOn Central Ohio to provide assistance to the organization in a timely manner to prevent a disruption in services, all for the 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 grant application of HandsOn Central Ohio seeking financial assistance to address an emergency human service need pursuant to Section 371.02 (c) of the Columbus City Code is hereby approved.

**SECTION 2.** That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with HandsOn Central Ohio to assist with the operating costs needed to support Mobile Food Access in Linden, Franklinton and the South Side.

**SECTION 3.** That from the unappropriated monies in the Emergency Human Services Fund, Fund 232, and from any and all sources unappropriated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014, the sum of \$135,349.00 is hereby appropriated to the Department of Development, Department 44-01, Object Level One 03, OCA Code 499043.

**SECTION 4.** That for the purpose as stated in Section 2, the expenditure of \$135,349.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be expended from the Emergency Human Services Fund, Fund 232, Department of Development, Department 44-01, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337, OCA Code 499043.

**SECTION 5.** That the expenditure authorized herein is in accordance with Section 371.02 (c) of the Columbus City Code.

**SECTION 6.** 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 7.** 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 8.** 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.