

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 Columbus Chamber of Commerce. The contract is a cooperative funding agreement between the Columbus Chamber and The City of Columbus for the pursuit of federal funding for transportation and infrastructure improvement projects within the City of Columbus and Franklin County region. The City of Columbus, as the 15th largest US city, is now joining other major metropolitan groups in requesting federal funding for projects. This is a collaborative effort involving the City of Columbus, the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce, Franklin County, The Ohio State University, the Columbus Partnership, the Central Ohio Transit Authority, the Columbus Regional Airport Authority, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority, OhioHealth and Nationwide Children's Hospital.

As the services of the consultant will benefit not only the Columbus Chamber but also the mission of the City of Columbus, the City has agreed to reimburse the Columbus Chamber for a portion of the Columbus Chamber's required payments to the consultant.

Emergency action is requested so that the consultant's services can be made available immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds for this contract are provided from the FY 2015 General Fund budget.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce to pursue federal funding for projects within the City of Columbus and Franklin County region; to authorize the expenditure of \$25,000.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$25,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Development desires to enter into a contract with the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce to support the pursuit of federal funding for transportation and infrastructure improvement projects within the City of Columbus and Franklin County region, and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus, as the 15th largest US city, is now joining other major metropolitan groups in requesting federal funding for projects; and

WHEREAS, as consultant services will benefit not only the Columbus Chamber but also the mission of the City of Columbus, the City has agreed to reimburse the Columbus Chamber for a portion of the Columbus Chamber's required payments to the Consultant; 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 Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce so that the consultant's services can be made available immediately, 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 Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce to pursue federal funding for projects within the City of Columbus and Franklin County region.

SECTION 2. That for the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$25,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the General Fund, Fund 010, Department of Development, Division 44-01, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3336, OCA Code 440307.

SECTION 3. That this contract is awarded pursuant to the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of City Code relating to the process for awarding not-for-profit service contracts.

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.