



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to contract with four companies to provide emergency home repair services to low and moderate-income households in Columbus as part of the Emergency Repair Program and to waive the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Code. The companies, American Mechanical, Ohio Mechanical, Capital Plumbing and TFH-EB dba The Water Works, responded to Request for Proposal (RFP) SA-005831 and all those who responded were selected. In order to obtain services from all contractors at a uniform cost, the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Code must be waived.

Emergency repair services will include heating, plumbing, electrical and other emergency home repairs needed to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Columbus.

The CDBG Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund (AHOF) represents the City's commitment to the preservation and production of housing units affordable to very-low, low and moderate-income individuals. Funds will be used to meet housing needs identified in the Consolidated Plan.

Emergency action is necessary to allow for the uninterrupted continuation of emergency repair services.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This ordinance authorizes the expenditure of \$330,000.00 from the Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund portion of the Community Development Block Grant Fund to provide the Emergency Repair Program.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to contract with various companies to provide emergency home repair services to low and moderate-income households in Columbus as part of the Emergency Repair Program; to waive the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Code; to authorize the expenditure of \$330,000.00 from the Community Development Block Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$330,000.00)

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Development, Housing Division desires to administer the CDBG Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund from the Community Development Block Grant fund to allow for the expenditure of funds for the Emergency Repair Program; and

**WHEREAS,** these monies will be used to provide emergency home repair services necessary to preserve the supply of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Development desires to enter into agreements with four companies to provide materials and services related to the Emergency Repair Program; and

**WHEREAS,** American Mechanical (contract compliance number: 371480212, expiration: 2/20/17), Ohio Mechanical (contract compliance number: 311676592, expiration: 10/22/15), Capital Plumbing (contract compliance number: 200557202, expiration: 6-3-17), and TFH-EB dba The Water Works (contract compliance number: 311162504, expiration: 2/26/17) responded to a Request for Proposals (SA-005831) and were selected; and

**WHEREAS,** in order to obtain services from all contractors that responded to the Request for Proposals at a uniform

cost, the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Code must be waived; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development, Housing Division, in that it is immediately necessary to enter in to contracts and expend said funds to allow for the uninterrupted continuation of emergency repair services, thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; and **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of the Department of Development is authorized to enter into contracts with the companies listed below, in accordance with Columbus City Code, to provide emergency home repair services to correct substandard and deteriorating conditions of homes owned by low and moderate- income households as part of the Emergency Repair Program.

American Mechanical, cc# 371480212, expiration 2/20/17, \$132,000.00

Ohio Mechanical, cc# 311676592, expiration 10/22/15, \$55,000.00

Capital Plumbing, cc# 200557202, expiration 6-3-17, \$99,000.00

TFH-EB dba The Water Works, cc# 311162504, expiration 2/26/17, \$44,000.00

**SECTION 2.** That this Council finds it in the best interests of the City to waive the competitive bidding provisions of Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Code.

**SECTION 3.** That for the purpose as stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$330,000 from the Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund portion of the Community Development Block Grant Fund, Fund 248 or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized from the Department of Development, Division 44-10, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3336, OCA Code 445236.

**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 expenditures of Community Development Block Grant funds from this authorization will be in accordance with U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Regulations 24 CFR 570.200-206, CDBG Eligibility, to ensure consistency of housing programs and income eligibility for all programs as administered by the Housing Division.

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