



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the expenditure of \$75,000 to engage the professional services of Columbus Sister Cities International, Inc. to administer the Columbus Sister Cities International Program (CSCI) for the purpose of promoting business, government, cultural, educational and environmental exchanges between our Sister Cities for long term economic development. Columbus Sister Cities include Accra in Ghana, Ahmedabad in India, Curitiba in Brazil, Dresden in Germany, Genoa in Italy, Hefei in China, Herzliya in Israel, Odense in Denmark, Seville in Spain and Tainan in Taiwan. City funding has been provided in previous years to support staffing and administrative cost of CSCI. CSCI has worked diligently to raise capital for its overall operation. Additional support is required to maintain a full-time executive director and to defray miscellaneous administrative cost.

Emergency action is necessary to allow the Columbus Sister Cities International, Inc. to continue to provide uninterrupted services in the promotion and implementation of international projects.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$75,000 has been allocated in the 2016 General Fund budget for Sister Cities International, Inc.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with the Columbus Sister Cities International, Inc. to administer the Columbus Sister Cities International Program; to authorize the expenditure of \$75,000.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$75,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Columbus Sister Cities International Program promotes business, government, cultural, educational and environmental exchanges between our Sister Cities; and

WHEREAS, our current Sister Cities are: Accra, Ghana; Ahmedabad, India; Curitiba, Brazil; Dresden, Germany; Genoa, Italy; Hefei, China; Herzliya, Israel; Odense, Denmark; Seville, Spain; Tainan, Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this project will be used for administrative costs associated with the Columbus Sister Cities International Inc.'s Program; 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 Columbus Sister Cities International, Inc. so as to allow services to continue without interruption, 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 the Department of Development is hereby authorized to enter into contract with Sister Cities International, Inc. for the purpose of promoting educational, governmental, cultural, economic and environmental exchanges with the City's existing sister cities.

SECTION 2. That for the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$75,000 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 1000 General Fund in Object Class 03 Contractual Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance

SECTION 3. That this contract is awarded in accordance with the relevant provisions of City Code Chapter 329 relating to 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. For 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 approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.