



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) is being awarded to the City of Columbus by the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). ESG provides funding for purpose of preventing homelessness and providing emergency shelter and can include and encourage initiatives of rapid re-housing and stabilization for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Additionally the grant can also be used to support the community's Homeless Management Information System to guarantee that the community's plan to end homelessness is based on the most applicable and current homeless data available.

The City of Columbus has been awarded \$580,931.00 from HUD. This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to appropriate Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds in the amount of \$580,931.00 for the provision of homeless services and to enter into an agreement with the Community Shelter Board, Inc. (CSB) for the administration of the City's Emergency Solutions Grant monies. Funds will be used to meet the housing needs identified in the Consolidated Plan submitted to HUD.

The agreement will provide \$580,931.00 from the Emergency Solutions Grant for the purpose of effectively and efficiently enabling our community to help individuals and families who are homeless resolve their housing crisis. The CSB has been selected because of their history with the city and the homeless service community in the funding and coordination of services to homeless individuals and families, as well as, their established administrative procedures to effectively and efficiently implement such services.

Emergency legislation is in order to continue housing crisis response initiatives without an interruption.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding for this agreement in the amount of \$580,931.00 is provided by an Emergency Solutions Grant awarded to the City of Columbus by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into an agreement with the Community Shelter Board for the administration of the Emergency Solutions Grant for the provision of support services to homeless individuals; to authorize the appropriation and expenditure of \$580,931.00 from the General Government Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$580,931.00)

**WHEREAS,** the City has received \$580,931.00 in Emergency Solutions Grant funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Emergency Solutions Grant Program for the provision of support services to homeless individuals; and

**WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize** the Director of the Department of Development to enter into an agreement with the Community Shelter Board because their programs have effectively and efficiently enabled our community to help individuals and families who are homeless resolve their housing crisis; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into contract with Community Shelter Board so that necessary services will not be interrupted, all for the preservation of 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 hereby authorized to enter in an agreement with the Community Shelter Board for the purpose of effectively and efficiently enabling our community to help individuals and families who are homeless resolve their housing crisis through the Emergency Solutions Grant Program.

**SECTION 2.** That from the unappropriated monies and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016, the sum of \$580,931.00 is hereby appropriated in Fund 2220 General Government Grants in Object Class 03 Contractual Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** That for the purpose as stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$580,931.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized in Fund 2220 General Government Grants in Object Class 03 Contractual Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** 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 5.** At the end of the grant period, any repayment of unencumbered balances required by the grantor is hereby authorized and any unused City match monies may be transferred back to the City fund from which they originated in accordance with all applicable grant agreements.

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