



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into contract with Columbus State Community College for the purpose of supporting the college's Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

The SBDC is a one-stop shop for all phases of getting a small business off the ground. SBDC provides one-on-one advising by Certified Business Advisors at no cost. Additionally, the SBDC holds no- or low-cost business trainings. The SBDC focuses on a business's needs, regardless of industry, from seed to maturity and everything in-between. With advisors fluent in Spanish, the SBDC is also able to reach immigrant populations within Columbus that might be unable to use English-exclusive services.

Fiscal Impact: Funding for this contract is available in both the general fund and the Jobs Growth subfund.

Emergency action is requested in order to provide for the expedited funding of SBDC's programming and to ensure that there is no interruption in service.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into contract with Columbus State Community College in support of the Small Business Development Center; to authorize an appropriation of \$10,500.00 in the Jobs Growth subfund; to authorize expenditures of \$10,500.00 in the general fund and \$10,500.00 in the Jobs Growth subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$21,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Small Business Development Center at Columbus State Community College strengthens the community by providing integral services to entrepreneurs seeking to develop and grow their businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Center particularly focuses on supporting businesses in minority and immigrant communities; and

WHEREAS, the Center has established ambitious goals for 2016 of creating twenty new jobs, retaining fifty jobs, and facilitating the infusion of business capital of at least \$250,000; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of fostering small business creation and development, this Council and the Department of Development have deemed support of the Small Business Development Center to be an effective use of funds; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to make funding available to the Small Business Development Center to avoid loss or reduction in service levels; 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 contract with Columbus State Community College for the purpose of supporting the Small Business Development Center.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$10,500.00 in the Jobs Growth subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100015, to the Department of Development, in Object Class 03 - Contractual Services, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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SECTION 3. That pursuant to the action authorized in Section 1, an expenditure of \$21,000.00 is hereby authorized per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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SECTION 4. That for the reasons stated in the preamble here to, 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.