



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes a service agreement between the Department of Development and the Community Shelter Board for the purpose of providing housing assistance services.

Community Shelter Board is a collective impact organization leading the community's response to homelessness by creating collaborations, developing innovative solutions, and investing in quality programs in Columbus and Franklin County. The agency is able to coordinate housing support services among central Ohio's many outstanding non-profit providers.

Community Shelter Board will work with local service organizations to provide rental assistance and eviction avoidance services. Franklin County experiences one of the highest eviction rates in the state, and as housing prices rise, the risk of eviction and homelessness increases for low-income residents and those living at or below the poverty level. The target constituents are those individuals in need of rental assistance, the intended outcome being the prevention of homelessness and eviction.

Fiscal Impact: Funding is available within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund.

Emergency action is requested in order to have housing support funding in place for the winter season.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with the Community Shelter Board for the purpose of providing housing assistance for low-income residents and those living at or below the poverty level; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure of \$48,000.00 in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$48,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Community Shelter Board is a collective impact organization leading the community's response to homelessness by creating collaborations, developing innovative solutions, and investing in quality programs in Columbus and Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, there are many outstanding organizations in central Ohio capable of providing housing assistance services to those residents in greatest need; and

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to support the work of the Community Shelter Board through the provision of funding that will provide resources toward the organization's housing assistance activities; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the city in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with the Community Shelter Board to ensure that funding is available during the season of greatest need; **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 grant agreement with the Community Shelter Board in support of the agency's housing assistance program.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to appropriate \$48,000.00 in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, 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 the expenditure of \$48,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the actions authorized in SECTION 1, is hereby authorized in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, 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 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 reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part thereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from the after its passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.