



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into contracts with various neighborhood business organizations in the Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization (NCR) Program areas throughout Columbus. The total amount of these contracts is \$72,000.

The Neighborhood Economic Development Fund (NEDF) provides a funding source that enables business organizations to develop and implement economic development projects as an additional stimulus for the Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization (NCR) Program. Funded projects must address only NCR district needs and cannot duplicate other available programs/services.

This legislation authorizes the expenditure of \$72,000 for the above referenced purpose.

Emergency action is necessary to allow the neighborhood business organizations to continue providing services to the business community without interruption.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding for the Neighborhood Economic Development Fund will consist of \$72,000 from the 2017 Community Development Block Grant Fund Budget.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into various contracts for the development and strengthening of neighborhood business organizations as part of the Neighborhood Economic Development Fund; to authorize the expenditure of \$72,000.00 from the 2017 Community Development Block Grant Fund Budget; and to declare an emergency. (\$72,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus established the Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization (NCR) Program in 1981; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Development wishes to provide a funding source, as an additional stimulus to the NCR program, to enable business organizations to develop and implement economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, additional support to neighborhood business groups is necessary to expand their scope of promotional, organizational and business investment in the NCR areas; and

WHEREAS, active neighborhood business organizations can encourage private investment in the NCR areas; 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 various contracts to allow the neighborhood business organizations to continue providing services to the business community without interruption and to continue a neighborhood business organization support mechanism, known as the Neighborhood Economic Development Fund, in order to preserve 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 and directed to enter into various contracts with neighborhood business associations as listed in Section 2 in conjunction with the Neighborhood Economic Development Fund, and to authorize the expenditure of \$72,000 or so much as necessary.

SECTION 2. That the Director of the Department of Development shall enter into contract with the following neighborhood business associations:

| ASSOCIATION | AMOUNT |
|---|-----------------|
| Franklinton Board of Trade | \$12,000 |
| Hilltop Business Association | \$12,000 |
| Long Street Business Association | \$12,000 |
| Mt Vernon Avenue District Improvement Association | \$12,000 |
| Parsons Avenue Merchant Association | \$12,000 |
| Old National Road Business Association | <u>\$12,000</u> |
| Total Allocation | \$72,000 |

SECTION 3. That for the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$72,000 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 2248 Community Development Block Grant Fund in Object Class 03 Contractual Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That these contracts are awarded in accordance with the relevant provisions of City Code Chapter 329 relating to not-for-profit service contracts.

SECTION 5. 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 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 passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.