



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes the appropriation of a portion of the FY 2017 HOME monies within the HOME Investment Partnerships Program to the Department of Development. Since the federal government has not yet finalized the 2017 funding levels for the HOME Program, an ordinance is needed to appropriate critical components of the program. Specifically, administrative dollars and funding for Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) activities are immediately needed.

The funds will be allocated as follows: \$325,000 for the Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund - Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) and \$300,000 for HOME administration. The balance of the HOME dollars will be requested to be appropriated and expended once the actual allocation amount is received from HUD.

The Community Shelter Board will subcontract with qualified nonprofit organizations to implement TBRA in accordance with HOME Fund regulations for TBRA. These entities will lease housing units for the Rebuilding Lives program. Then they will maintain and operate the housing units and related facilities to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing in accordance with the HUD Housing Quality Standards. The City's Consolidated Action Plan for 2015-2019 contains TBRA housing preference priorities for chronically homeless persons.

Emergency action is requested in order to ensure rental subsidies and administrative funds are in place for 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds for this expenditure are allocated from the Rebuilding Lives and the administrative funds set asides within the allocation of the 2017 HOME Funds. In addition, once the allocation amount is received from HUD, a request will be made to City Council to appropriate and expend the balance of the HOME dollars.

To authorize an appropriation of \$625,000.00 from the HOME Fund to provide funding for various approved 2017 programs; to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with the Community Shelter Board to provide \$325,000.00 for tenant-based rental assistance for the Rebuilding Lives Program; to authorize the expenditure of \$300,000.00 from the HOME Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$625,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus is the recipient of HOME Investment Partnerships funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appropriate funds from the unappropriated balance of the 2017 HOME Fund to the Department of Development; and

WHEREAS, HOME funds will be used for administrative dollars and funding for Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) activities; and

WHEREAS, the City is a partner in the Rebuilding Lives initiative to provide permanent supportive housing to chronically homeless persons; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to assist the Rebuilding Lives initiative by establishing a tenant-based rental assistance program; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to enter into a contract with the Community Shelter Board in order to administer and operate the tenant-based rental assistance program; and

WHEREAS, there is an immediate need for tenant-based rental assistance to continue rent subsidies for participants in the Rebuilding Lives Program; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development, Housing Division, in that it is immediately necessary to appropriate funds and to enter into a contract with the Community Shelter Board to permit the payment of tenant-based rental assistance to begin immediately, thereby preserving 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 from the unappropriated monies in the fund known as the HOME Fund, Fund 2201, Grant G451700 in Object Class 01 and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources during the 12 months ending December 31, 2017, the sum of \$ 300,000 is hereby appropriated to the Department of Development, Division 44-10, per the accounting codes in the attached to this ordinance.

SECTION 2. That from the unappropriated monies in the fund known as the HOME Fund, Fund 2201, Grant G451700 in Object Class 03 and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources during the 12 months ending December 31, 2017, the sum of \$325,000 is hereby appropriated to the Department of Development, Division 44-10, per the accounting codes in the attached to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the Director of the Department of Development be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Community Shelter Board to provide for tenant-based rental assistance services.

SECTION 4. That for the purpose as stated in Section 2, the expenditure of \$325,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the Department of Development, Department HOME Program Entitlement in Object Class 03 Contractual Services.

SECTION 5. That this contract is awarded in accordance with relevant provisions of Columbus City Codes Chapter 329

SECTION 6. 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 7. 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 8. 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.