



## Legislation Text

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The City of Columbus, in partnership with The Ohio State University Medical Center and the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority, has substantial interest in and are committed to the vision of enhancing the quality of life on the near east side of Columbus by creating a healthy, financially and environmentally sustainable, community where residents have access to safe and affordable housing, quality healthcare, educational and employment opportunities.

The parties have agreed to work together in order to facilitate that vision: the Partners Achieving Community Transformation (PACT). The principal goal of PACT is to develop a community master plan through the services of a master planning entity and aided by the input of the PACT governance structure, advisory committee and sub-committees.

The Blueprint for Community Investment was the resulting transformation plan for the Near East side as is currently being implemented by PACT and its member organizations: The City of Columbus (City), Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) and The Ohio State University (OSU).

This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to make a payment to Partners Achieving Community Transformation for the commitment of an annual sum of \$250,000 for a period of five years. 2017 represents the second year of the five year commitment.

Emergency action is requested to allow Partners Achieving Community Transformation to commence work outlined in the MOU for the creation of a healthy, financially and environmentally sustainable community.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

\$250,000 has been allocated from the 2017 General Fund for this initiative.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to make a payment to Partners Achieving Community Transformation (PACT), per the Memorandum of Understanding with The Ohio State University Medical Center and the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority, for the purpose of providing services to the near east side community; to authorize the expenditure of \$250,000.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$250,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, The City of Columbus in partnership with The Ohio State University Medical Center and the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority have substantial interest in and are committed to the vision of enhancing the quality of life on the near east side of Columbus; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to work collaboratively by creating a healthy, financially and environmentally sustainable, community where residents have access to safe and affordable housing, quality healthcare, educational and employment opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties have agreed to work together in order to facilitate that vision with the "Blueprint for Community Investment"; and

**WHEREAS**, the principal goal of PACT is to implement the recommendations outlined in the Blueprint and serve as the "Community Quarterback" for the implementation of the Neighborhood and People strategies associated with the HUD Choice Neighborhood Initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of such management requires financial contributions by the parties involved; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus will provide up to \$250,000 to fulfill its obligation under the Memorandum of Understanding; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City of Columbus, in that it is immediately necessary to make a payment to Partners Achieving Community Transformation (PACT), per the Memorandum of Understanding 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 to make a payment to Partners Achieving Community Transformation for purposes of funding the PACT initiative.

**SECTION 2.** That for the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$250,000 or so much thereof as may be needed is hereby authorized in Fund 1000 General Fund in Object Class 03 Contractual Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish accounting codes as necessary.

**SECTION 4.** 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.