



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with The Legal Aid Society of Columbus to provide the Supporting and Stabilizing Women in Transition program for a twelve-month period for a total amount of \$50,000.00.

This is the third and final year of a three year competitive grant award process which was put in place to achieve the following Objective: to support goal oriented, outcome based social service programs and activities that will address critical needs in the Columbus community through a competitive process that enables new, successful and targeted programs to be funded. The awards target social service programs that fall into three priority areas including emergency and basic needs, employment and self-sufficiency, and social success for our residents and neighborhoods. Programs include, but are not limited to: day care, substance abuse prevention programs, refugee and resettlement programs, senior care, mediation services, services for the disabled, material assistance and food programs, workforce development, youth programs and other services. This funding will allow the process to continue much needed services.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding for this expenditure is allocated from the Emergency Human Services Fund (\$25,000) and the general fund (\$25,000).

To approve the funding request of The Legal Aid Society of Columbus seeking financial assistance to address an emergency human service need pursuant to Columbus City Code; to authorize the Director of Development to execute a grant agreement with The Legal Aid Society of Columbus to provide the Supporting and Stabilizing Women in Transition program; to authorize the expenditure of \$25,000.00 from the Emergency Human Services Fund; to authorize the expenditure of \$25,000.00 from the general fund. (\$50,000.00)

WHEREAS, various social service agencies have submitted grant applications seeking financial assistance for the third of three years in the competitive human services funding round; and

WHEREAS, City Council is authorized to allocate funds annually to assist social service agencies in the city with the operating costs of delivering programs; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Development desires to enter into a grant agreement with The Legal Aid Society of Columbus for a continued provision of social services; and

WHEREAS, the grant will be funded with a combination of the Emergency Human Services Fund and the general funds;
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the grant application of The Legal Aid Society of Columbus seeking financial assistance to address an emergency human service need pursuant to Section 371.02 (c) of the Columbus City Codes, 1959, is hereby approved.

SECTION 2. That the Director of the Department of Development be and is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with The Legal Aid Society of Columbus to provide the Supporting and Stabilizing Women in Transition program for a one-year period.

SECTION 3. That for the purpose as stated in Section 2, the expenditure of \$25,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized in Fund 2231 Hotel Motel Bed Tax Fund, in Object Class 03 Contractual Services per the

accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That the expenditures authorized herein are in accordance with Section 371.02 (c) of the Columbus City Code.

SECTION 5. Payments are expressly contingent upon the availability of sufficient monies in the Emergency Human Services Fund to cover the obligation set forth in this contract and in no case shall payments exceed available cash in this fund. In this event that there is not sufficient cash in the fund to cover the obligation set forth in this contract, the City Auditor shall have the authority to make all necessary adjustments at his discretion.

SECTION 6. That for the purpose as stated in Section 2, the expenditure of \$25,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary 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 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 this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.