



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into agreements with various non-profit organizations in order to implement the Learning Skills to Lift Neighborhoods (LSLN) grant program. The LSLN program promotes workforce development in the construction trades for youth or restored citizens. The program also focuses on transforming vacant and blighted structures or lots into productive parcels. The City is committing funds from the Development Taxable Bonds Fund (\$100,000) to the “Project”. Scope of work will be completed in the time period of the individual agreements.

Emergency legislation is necessary in order to commence these programs in a timely manner.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds for this project are included in the 2016 Capital Improvements Budget under Development Taxable Bonds.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into agreements with J. Jireh Development Corporation, Franklinton Rising, and Franklinton Gardens in order to promote workforce development in the construction trades for youth or restored citizens and transform vacant and blighted structures or lots into productive parcels under the Learning Skills to Lift Neighborhoods (LSLN) grant program; and to authorize the expenditure of \$100,000.00 from the 2016 Development Taxable Bonds Fund; and to declare an emergency (\$100,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Development desires to enter into agreements with various non-profit organizations in order to promote workforce development in the construction trades for youth or restored citizens, and the transformation of vacant and blighted structures or lots into productive parcels; and

WHEREAS, Columbus City Council included funding for the Learning Skills to Lift Neighborhoods grant program within the 2016 Capital Improvements Budget; and

WHEREAS, the associated purpose clause for the bonds allows the granting of funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, J. Jireh Development Corporation, Franklinton Rising, and Franklinton Gardens are non-profit organizations with the capacity to implement workforce development in the construction trades for youth or restored citizens, and the transformation of vacant and blighted structures or lots into productive parcels; 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 agreements with various non-profit organizations in order to implement the Learning Skills and Lifting Neighborhoods Program, all for the preservation of 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 enter into agreements with J. Jireh Development Corporation, Franklinton Rising, and Franklinton Gardens in order to promote workforce development in the construction trades for youth or restored citizens, and the transformation of vacant and blighted structures or lots into productive parcels under the Learning Skills to Lift Neighborhoods (LSLN) grant program.

SECTION 2. That for the purpose stated in Section 1, the sum of up to \$100,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 7739 Development Taxable Bonds in Object Class 06 Capital Outlay per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That these agreements are awarded in accordance with the relevant provisions of City Code Chapter 329 relating to not-for-profit service contracts.

SECTION 4. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 5. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocatd balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.

SECTION 6. 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 7. 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.