



Legislation Text

File #: 1870-2017, **Version:** 1

BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with Community Mediation Services for the Homeless Prevention Program. The total amount of the grant agreement is \$60,000.00.

The legislation targets social service programs that fall into one or more of the City's three priority areas including emergency and basic needs, employment and self-sufficiency, and social success for our residents and neighborhoods.

Funding for Community Mediation Services' (CMS) Homeless Prevention Program will assist individuals and families who are currently homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless in order to help them obtain or maintain stable housing for the long term. Tenants targeted by this program are those that have already received a 3 Day Notice to vacate their rental housing from their landlord or an eviction summons from the Franklin County Municipal Court. The grant amount is \$60,000.00

Emergency action is necessary to avoid causing interruptions in the delivery of program services.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding for these expenditures is allocated from the Emergency Human Services Fund (\$10,000.00) and Neighborhood Initiatives Fund (\$50,000.00).

To approve the grant application of Community Mediation Services seeking financial assistance to address emergency human service needs pursuant to Columbus City Code; to authorize an appropriation of \$50,000.00 within the Neighborhood Initiative subfund; to authorize the expenditure of \$60,000.00 from the Emergency Human Services Fund and Neighborhood Initiatives subfund; to authorize an appropriation of \$300,000.00 within the Jobs Growth Initiatives subfund; to authorize and direct the City Auditor to transfer cash within the General Fund; to authorize the Director of Development to execute a grant agreement with Community Mediation Services to address the efficient and effective provision of supportive services; and to declare an emergency. (\$60,000.00)

WHEREAS, Community Mediation Services has submitted a grant application seeking financial assistance; 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 Community Mediation Services for the continued provision of social services; and

WHEREAS, Community Mediation Services will be funded with Emergency Human Services and Neighborhood Initiatives funds; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to enter into a grant agreement with Community Mediation Services to avoid causing interruptions in the delivery of vital program services, 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 grant applications of those agencies identified in Section 2 seeking financial assistance to address an emergency human service need pursuant to Section 371.02 (c) of the Columbus City Codes are 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 Community Mediation Services for a one year period for the Homeless Prevention Program.

SECTION 3. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$50,000.00 in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, Columbus City Council per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

See Attached File: Ord 1870-2017 Legislation Template.xls

SECTION 4. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$300,000.00 in the Jobs Growth subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100015, Columbus City Council per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

See Attached File: Ord 1870-2017 Legislation Template.xls

SECTION 5. That the transfer of \$300,000 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized between subfunds within Fund 1000 General Fund per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 6. That for the purpose as stated in Section 2, the expenditure of \$10,000 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 7. That the expenditures authorized herein are in accordance with Section 371.02 (c) of the Columbus City Code.

SECTION 8. That 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 9. That for the purpose as stated in Section 2, the expenditure of \$50,000.00 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 10. 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 11. 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.