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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with Community Kitchen to support the general operating costs of providing services to the community.

Community Kitchen, Inc. has operated continuously since 1979 and as a separate 501(c) 3 since 1985. Community Kitchen helps low or no income persons with food, advocacy, and other basic necessities. Hot, nutritious and free meals are offered six days a week along with information and referrals on available housing, utility assistance, alcohol and drug programs, emergency assistance, health resources and basic needs, free phone service for business and medical calls, toiletries and household items when available. Free health check-ups are provided on site through the OSU Nursing Program and Columbus Health Department.

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

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding for this expenditure is allocated from the Emergency Human Services subfund ($20,000.00).

To approve the funding request of Community Kitchen 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 Community Kitchen to support the general operating costs of providing services to the community; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure of $20,000.00 from the Emergency Human Services subfund; and to declare an emergency. ($20,000.00)

WHEREAS, Community Kitchen has submitted a funding request seeking financial assistance for Emergency Human Services Funds; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Development desires to enter into a grant agreement with Community Kitchen to support the general operating costs of providing services to the community; 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 grant will be funded from the Emergency Human Services subfund; 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 Kitchen to avoid causing interruptions in the delivery of 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 application of Community Kitchen 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 Community Kitchen to support the general operating costs of providing services to the community.

SECTION 3. That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate $20,000.00 within the Emergency Human Services subfund, fund 2231, subfund 223125, in Object Class 03 to the Department of Development per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That for the purpose as stated in Section 2, the expenditure of $20,000.00 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 5. That the expenditures authorized herein are in accordance with Section 371.02 (c) of the Columbus City Code.

SECTION 6. 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 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 passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.