



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** Ordinance 0434-2015 authorized the expenditure of \$950,000 to preserve the local supply of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing for low-income families. This ordinance expands the scope of eligible activities for these funds to include emergency home repair services and authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into contracts with various contractors that provide emergency home repair services to low and moderate income homeowners in Columbus and waives the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Code. The companies responded to a Request for Proposal (RFP) SA-005831 and all those who responded were selected. Emergency repair services will include heating, plumbing, electrical and other emergency home repairs needed to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Columbus.

Emergency action is necessary to allow for the uninterrupted continuation of emergency repair services.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This legislation will expand the activities eligible for expenditure. Funding of \$ 300,000.00 is being provided from the 2015 CDBG Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund ACPR000313.

To amend Ordinance 0434-2015, passed February 23, 2015, to include emergency home repair services; to authorize the Director of Development to enter into contracts with various contractors to provide emergency home repair services to low and moderate-income households in Columbus; to waive the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Code; and to declare an emergency (\$300,000.00).

**WHEREAS**, on February 23, 2015, City Council passed Ordinance 0434-2015 authorizing expenditure of \$950,000.00 to provide assistance for the affordable housing administered by the Housing Division under the Affordable Housing Opportunity Program including the Home Modification and Home Safe and Sound Programs; and

**WHEREAS**, since then, it has been determined that the City needs to expand the use of funds to include emergency home repair services which will include heating, plumbing, electrical and other emergency home repairs; and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation will amend both the Title and Section 1 of Ordinance 0434-2015 to include emergency repair activities as eligible expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to authorize the Department of Development to enter into contracts with four contractors to provide materials and services related to the Emergency Repair Program; and

**WHEREAS**, American Mechanical (contract compliance number: 371480212, expiration: 02/20/18), Capital Plumbing contract compliance # 200557202, expiration 06/03/18), TFH-EB dba The Water Works (contract compliance number: 311162504, expiration: 02/26/18), and Ohio Mechanical (contract compliance number: 311676592, expiration: 08/26/18) responded to a Request for Proposals (SA-005831) in 2015 and were selected; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the City's best interest to waive the competitive bidding in Columbus City Code Chapter 329 in order to establish contracts with multiple contractors for the Emergency Repair Program; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development, Housing Division, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the amendment and expend said funds to allow for the uninterrupted continuation of emergency repair services thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; and  
**NOW, THEREFORE:**

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

**SECTION 1.** To amend the title of Ordinance 0434-2015 as follows: To authorize the Director of Development to make loans and grants for operation of various affordable housing programs, including the emergency home repair program, administered by the Housing Division under the Affordable Housing Opportunity Program; to authorize the expenditure of \$950,000 from the Community Development Block Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency.

**SECTION 2.** That Section 1 of Ordinance 0434-2015 be amended to read as follows: That the Director of Development is hereby authorized to make loans or grants for the various affordable housing programs administered by the Housing Division under the Affordable Housing Opportunity Program, including the Vacant Property Prevention Program, the Home Modification Program, and the Emergency Repair Program.

**SECTION 3.** That the Director of the Department of Development is authorized to enter into contracts with the vendors listed below to provide emergency home repair services to correct substandard and deteriorating conditions of homes owned by low and moderate- income households.

American Mechanical	cc# 371480212, expiration 02/20/18	<b>\$100,000</b>
Capital Plumbing	cc# 200557202, expiration 06/03/18	<b>\$75,000</b>
TFH-EB dba The Water Works	cc# 311162504, expiration 02/26/18	<b>\$75,000</b>
Ohio Mechanical	cc# 311676592, expiration 08/26/18	<b>\$50,000</b>

**SECTION 4.** That for the purpose as stated in Section 3, the expenditure of \$300,000.00 from the CDBG Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund ACPR000313 or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized from the Community Development Act, Fund 2248, Object Class 03, Contractual Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 5.** That for the purpose stated in Section 2, the Director of Development will draw an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 from Auditor's Certificate ACPR000313.

**SECTION 6.** That this Council finds it in the best interests of the City to waive the competitive bidding provisions of Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Code in order to contract with the vendors listed in Section 3 above.

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