



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into contract with the Columbus Urban League for the purpose of assisting the Urban League to serve as the host for the Columbus Region Minority Business Assistance Center (MBAC). The Ohio Development Services Agency has partnered with the Columbus Urban League, a non-profit corporation, to host the Columbus Region Minority Business Assistance Center (MBAC). The funding cycle is July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019. Funding for the program is \$500,000 which includes a \$100,000 host match. The Department of Development and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion have agreed to provide assistance in securing the \$100,000 match by contributing a total of \$25,000 collectively.

The Minority Business Assistance Center serves the needs of Ohio's small, minority, and socially economically disadvantaged businesses. The center provides important services including technical assistance, professional consulting, access to capital and assistance obtaining contract opportunities. A primary objective of the program is to identify emerging businesses and cultivate growth and sustainability. The realization of this objective will strengthen the minority business community, support job creation and further economic growth in Columbus as well as the state of Ohio. The Columbus MBAC is committed to establishing a network of industry partners to ensure that MBAC clients receive the assistance needed to sustain and grow.

Emergency action is requested to allow the Columbus Urban League to begin providing services for the Minority Business Assistance Center as soon as possible.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation authorizes the expenditure of \$25,000 from the 2017 General Fund Budget.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into contract with the Columbus Urban League for the purpose of assisting the Columbus Urban League to serve as host for the Columbus Region Minority Business Assistance Center (MBAC); to authorize the expenditure of \$25,000.00 from the 2017 General; and to declare an emergency. (\$25,000.00).

WHEREAS, the Ohio Development Services Agency has partnered with the Columbus Urban League, a non-profit corporation, to host the Columbus Region Minority Business Assistance Center (MBAC); and

WHEREAS, the funding cycle for MBAC is July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, funding for the MBAC is \$500,000 which includes a \$100,000 host match; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Development and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion have agreed to provide assisting in securing the match by contributing a total cost of \$25,000 collectively; and

WHEREAS, the Minority Business Assistance Center (MBAC) serves the need of Ohio's small, minority and socially economically disadvantaged businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Minority Business Assistance Center (MBAC) provides important services including technical assistance, professional consulting, access to capital and assistance obtaining contract opportunities; and

WHEREAS, a primary objective of the program is to identify emerging businesses and cultivate growth and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Development desires to enter into contract with the Columbus Urban League for the purposes of providing MBAC services to the small business community of Columbus, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City of Columbus in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract with the Columbus Urban League in support of the Minority Business Assistance Center (MBAC) for the purpose of assisting in the \$100,000 match all for the immediate 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 authorized to enter into contract with the Columbus Urban League for the purpose of assisting the Urban league to serve as the host for the Columbus Region Minority Business Assistance Center (MBAC).

SECTION 2. That for the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be needed, 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 3. That this contract is awarded in accordance with the relevant provisions of City Code Chapter 329 relating to not-for-profit service contracts.

SECTION 4. 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 5. For the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and will 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.