



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with The Legal Aid Society of Columbus to provide the Supporting and Stabilizing Women in Transition program for a twelve-month period for a total amount of \$50,000.00.

This is the fourth year extension for the original three year competitive grant award process. This process is put in place to achieve the following objective: To support goal oriented, outcome based social service programs and activities that will address critical needs in the Columbus community through a competitive process that enables new, successful and targeted programs to be funded. The awards target social service programs that fall into three priority areas including emergency and basic needs, employment and self-sufficiency, and social success for our residents and neighborhoods. Programs include, but are not limited to: day care, substance abuse prevention programs, refugee and resettlement programs, senior care, mediation services, services for the disabled, material assistance and food programs, workforce development, youth programs and other services. This funding will allow the process to continue much needed services.

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 Fund (\$25,000) and the general fund (\$25,000).

To approve the funding request of The Legal Aid Society of Columbus 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 The Legal Aid Society of Columbus to provide the Supporting and Stabilizing Women in Transition program; to authorize the expenditure of \$25,000.00 from the Emergency Human Services Fund; to authorize the expenditure of \$25,000.00 from the general fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$50,000.00)

WHEREAS, various social service agencies have submitted grant applications seeking financial assistance for the third of three years in the competitive human services funding round and the City has elected to extend these agreements for a fourth year; 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 The Legal Aid Society of Columbus for a continued provision of social services; and

WHEREAS, the grant will be funded with a combination of Emergency Human Services Funds and the general fund; 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 The Legal Aid Society of Columbus 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 The Legal Aid Society of Columbus seeking financial assistance to address an emergency human service need pursuant to Section 371.02 (c) of the Columbus City Codes, 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 The Legal Aid Society of Columbus to provide the Supporting and Stabilizing Women in Transition program for a one-year period.

SECTION 3. That for the purpose as stated in Section 2, the expenditure of \$25,000.00 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 4. That the expenditures authorized herein are in accordance with Section 371.02 (c) of the Columbus City Code.

SECTION 5. 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 her discretion.

SECTION 6. That for the purpose as stated in Section 2, the expenditure of \$25,000.00 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 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.