



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with Community Mediation Services for the Housing Stability and Homeless Prevention Program. The total amount of the grant agreement is \$70,000.00.

Funding for Community Mediation Services' (CMS) Housing Stability and 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.

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

**Fiscal Impact:** Funding for these expenditures is available in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with Community Mediation Services in support of their Housing Stability and Homeless Prevention Program; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure of \$70,000.00 within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$70,000.00)

**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,** 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 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 Housing Stability and Homeless Prevention Program.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$70,000.00 in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, to the Department of Development per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** That for the purpose as stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$70,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, in Object Class 03 Contractual Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**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.** 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.