

City of Columbus

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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The City is a participating jurisdiction receiving federal funds under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The regulations of the program provide that up to five percent of the annual allocation may be granted to Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) to pay operating costs of the agencies. CHDOs are nonprofit organizations that work in neighborhoods to develop affordable housing through rehabilitation of existing housing stock and new in-fill construction.

This ordinance is in accordance with the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City has been awarded \$4,323,184 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in 2018. All funds except for the amount of this contract have been appropriated under other ordinances.

This legislation authorizes the appropriation and expenditure of \$216,159 of HOME Funds and also authorizes the Director of Development to enter into a contract with the Community Development Collaborative of Greater Columbus (Collaborative) to serve in the role as a funding intermediary, facilitator of training, and builder of organizational capacity. These funds leverage additional public and private funds for operating support of CHDOs. The City and the Collaborative have collectively developed a process for distribution of the funds. The Collaborative will administer contracts for the following CHDOs:

Total	\$216.159	
Gertrude Wood Community Foundation	\$45,500	
Homes on the Hill CDC		\$28,000
Franklinton Development Association	\$73,659	
Community Development for all People	\$69,000	

Contract figures represent only the City HOME funded portion of the CHDOs total contracts.

Emergency action is requested to avoid disruptions in program services.

FISCAL IMPACT: The 2018 HOME Program budget allocated a total of \$216,159 for CHDO operating support.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with the Community Development Collaborative of Greater Columbus to provide operating support for Community Housing Development Organizations; to authorize the appropriation and expenditure of \$216,159.00 from the HOME Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$216,159.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus is the recipient of HOME Investment Partnerships funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to make a portion of the HOME funds available to Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) to pay a portion of their operating costs to stimulate the development of affordable housing for low income households in their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, support for CHDOs can foster the revitalization of Columbus neighborhoods; and

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WHEREAS, the City desires to enter into a contract with the Community Development Collaborative of Greater Columbus in order to administer the CHDO contracts; and

WHEREAS, emergency action is required to avoid disruptions in program services; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development, Housing Division, in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract with the Community Development Collaborative of Greater Columbus and to expend said funds 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.** That from the unappropriated monies and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, the sum of \$261,159 is appropriated in Fund 2201 HOME Program Entitlement in Object Class 03 Contractual Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.
- **SECTION 2.** That the Director of the Department of Development be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Community Development Collaborative of Greater Columbus to serve in the role as a funding intermediary, facilitator of training, and builder of organizational capacity for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs).
- **SECTION 3.** That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 1 shall be paid upon the order of the Director of the Department of Development and that no order shall be drawn or money paid except by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.
- **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 purpose as stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$216,159 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the HOME Program Entitlement in Object Class 03 Contractual Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.
- **SECTION 6.** That these contracts are awarded pursuant to the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of City Code relating to the process for awarding not-for-profit service contracts.
- **SECTION 7.** That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications with this ordinance.
- **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 approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.