



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND:

This legislation allows for the expenditure of funds for the Emergency Repair Program from the Housing Preservation Fund. This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to renew contracts with various contractors that provide emergency home repair services to low and moderate-income households in Columbus and to waive the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Code. The companies responded to a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 008299 and all those who responded were selected, although one contractor later withdrew. 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 continuation of emergency repair services.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds for these contract renewals are available in the Housing Preservation Fund. (\$500,000)

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to renew contracts with various contractors that provide emergency home repair services to low and moderate-income households in Columbus; to waive the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Code; to authorize the expenditure of \$500,000.00 from the Housing Preservation Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$500,000.00) (AMENDED BY ORD. 1980-2019; PASSED 7/22/2019)

WHEREAS, the Department of Development, Housing Division desires to administer the Housing Preservation Fund to allow for the expenditure of funds for the Emergency Repair Program; and

WHEREAS, these monies will be used to provide emergency home repair services necessary to preserve the supply of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Development desires to renew agreements with four contractors to provide materials and services related to the Emergency Repair Program; and

WHEREAS, American Mechanical (contract compliance number: 0074882, expiration: 2/27/19), Ohio Mechanical (contract compliance number: 005774, expiration: 6/18/20), Watt 1 (contract compliance number: 021699, expiration 1/29/20) and TFH-EB dba The Water Works (contract compliance number: 004777, expiration: 12/19/19) responded to a Request for Qualifications (008299) and were selected; and

WHEREAS, in order to obtain services from all contractors that responded to the Request for Proposals at a uniform cost, the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Code must be waived; and

WHEREAS, emergency action is necessary to allow for the continuation of emergency repair 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 expend said funds to allow for the continuation of emergency repair services thereby preserving 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 contracts with the vendors listed below, in accordance with Columbus City Code, to provide emergency home repair

services to correct substandard and deteriorating conditions of homes owned by low and moderate-income households.

American Mechanical	cc# 0074882, expiration 2/27/19	\$250,000.00
Ohio Mechanical	cc# 005774, expiration 6/18/20	\$100,000.00
Watt 1	cc# 021699, expiration 1/29/20	\$50,000.00
TFH-EB dba The Water Works	cc# 004777, expiration 12/19/19	\$100,000.00

SECTION 2. That for the purpose as stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$500,000 is authorized from the Housing Preservation Bond fund, Fund 7782, Object Class 06 Capital Outlay per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. 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.

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 the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 6. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.

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