



## Legislation Text

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### BACKGROUND

This legislation authorizes the Director of Development to modify the contract with Next Street for Professional Economic Development Consultancy Services. The modification shall add \$60,000 to the original contract to authorize the remaining scope of work. The scope of services shall remain as originally negotiated.

Original contract amount	\$130,000	Ord. 2947-2018, PO149715
Modification No. 1 amount	<u>\$ 60,000</u>	
Total contract amount	\$190,000	

When the original ordinance was submitted (Ord. 2947-2018), the Department was in the early stages of contract negotiations and the final fee amount was not known at that time. The contract has been negotiated with a total fee of \$190,000. Under the authority of the original ordinance, the consultant has been authorized to proceed with work up to the amount of \$130,000 and approval of this ordinance will allow the department to authorize the remaining amount of work originally negotiated.

The Economic Development Division will work with Next Street to assess the city-wide ecosystem of small business. The City of Columbus embraces the fact that effective entrepreneurship-based development is more likely to succeed when it is based on research that identifies existing assets and gaps, is inclusive of all stakeholders, driven by collaboration, and is used to develop actionable and measurable strategies. Therefore, it is the intentions of the City, by commissioning this study, to develop and present an entrepreneurial development framework and small business agenda for comprehensive and inclusive entrepreneurship-based economic development. In developing these outcomes, the City wishes to provide a conduit for various groups to provide input by way of the value of their individual and collective experiences in helping to shape a small business agenda for the City that can be supported through public policies and varying budgetary processes over a specific period of time.

Emergency action is requested in order to continue services without interruption.

### FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this expenditure are allocated in the Department's 2019 General Fund budget and this ordinance is contingent upon passage of ordinance number 2870-2018.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to modify the contract with Next Street for Professional Economic Development Consultancy Services; to authorize the expenditure of \$60,000.00; and to declare an emergency. (\$60,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Development has identified the need to modify the contract with Next Street to add additional funds for professional economic development consultancy services; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that this contract modification should be authorized immediately so as to continue program services without interruption, 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 Development be and is hereby authorized to modify the contract with Next Street for

Professional Economic Development Consultancy service.

**SECTION 2.** That the expenditure of \$60,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized in Fund 1000 (General Fund), Dept-Div 44-02 (Economic Development), in Object Class 03 (Services) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** 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 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 approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.