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BACKGROUND: CDBG funds are provided to the Columbus Urban League (CUL) to enable them to provide fair housing services to the residents of the city. The CUL will conduct activities to reduce and eliminate legal and social barriers to housing opportunities, investigate all valid housing discrimination complaints and seek redress, develop testing procedures to determine the extent of discrimination, promote awareness of equal housing opportunities, and to implement the current Fair Housing Action Plan.

Emergency action is requested for the ongoing timely operation of the Fair Housing Program.

FISCAL IMPACT: $105,000.00 will be expended from the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Fund.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Finance and Management to enter into an agreement with the Columbus Urban League for the administration of the Fair Housing Program; to authorize the expenditure of $105,000.00 from the Community Development Block Grant fund; and to declare an emergency. ($105,000.00)

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Department of Finance and Management to expend monies from the Community Development Block Grant Fund for an agreement with the Columbus Urban League (CUL) to administer the Fair Housing Program; and

WHEREAS, the CUL will conduct activities to reduce and eliminate legal and social barriers to housing opportunities, investigate all valid housing discrimination complaints and seek redress, develop testing procedures to determine the extent of discrimination, promote awareness of equal housing opportunities and implement the current Fair Housing Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual and daily operation of the Department of Finance and Management in that is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into contract with the Columbus Urban League for the ongoing timely operation of the Fair Housing Program, 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 the Director of the Department of Finance and Management is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the Columbus Urban League for the administration of the Fair Housing Program.

SECTION 2. That this contract is awarded pursuant to the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of City Code relating to awarding not-for-profit service contracts.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of $105,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from Fund 2248 Community Development Act, 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 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.

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