



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into contract with Columbus Housing Partnership dba Homeport (Homeport) to provide HUD Certified housing counseling services in an amount up to \$125,000.

Housing counseling includes, but is not limited to, pre-purchase education, financial literacy, individual homebuyer counseling and foreclosure counseling.

This contract is awarded pursuant to the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of City Code relating to the process for awarding not-for-profit service contracts.

The services provided by Homeport are not able to be provided directly by the city because the city staff does not have the expertise or infrastructure to provide these services.

Emergency action is requested to allow program services to continue without interruption.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds for this expenditure are allocated in the Housing Division's FY2019 general fund budget.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with Columbus Housing Partnership, dba Homeport (Homeport), to provide housing counseling services; to authorize the expenditure of \$125,000.00 from the general fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$125,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Development desires to enter into a contract with Homeport to provide HUD Certified housing counseling services; and

WHEREAS, Columbus Housing Partnership, dba Homeport, is a non-profit organization with the capacity to provide HUD Certified housing counseling services; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into contracts with Homeport so that necessary services will not be interrupted, all for the preservation of 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 Development is hereby authorized to enter into contract with Columbus Housing Partnership, dba Homeport (Homeport), for the purpose of providing HUD Certified housing counseling services.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$125,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 1000 (General Fund), Dept-Div 44-10 (Housing), in object class 03 (Services) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That this contract is awarded pursuant to the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of City Code relating to the process for awarding not-for-profit service contracts.

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 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.