



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes Columbus City Council to enter into a grant agreement with Columbus Speech & Hearing Center (CSHC) in order to make critical repairs to the organization's facility.

Columbus Speech & Hearing Center serves people in the Columbus Community that experience communication challenges. The Center provides diagnostic, therapeutic and educational services to children and adults with communication disorders related to speech-language and hearing; as well as vocational rehabilitation services which assists adults with disabilities in obtaining and sustaining competitive employment. Repairs are needed to keep the Columbus Speech & Hearing Center facility operational allowing CSHC to continue to serve clients.

The following repairs are necessary:

1. Repair/Replace Window Caulking - Due to leaking, and pest intrusion, Columbus Speech & Hearing Center needs to remove old caulking from all windows in the facility and replace with new caulking.
2. Repair Elevator - The elevator sill is damaged due to wear and tear. It is over 30 years old. The door of the elevator is damaged and also needs to be repaired. If it is not fixed it will damage the internal operating hardware.
3. Replace non ADA compliant water fountain - Fountain is leaking and is not ADA compliant.

Emergency action is requested in order to avoid any delay in making the aforementioned critical facility repairs.

To authorize Columbus City Council to enter into a grant agreement with Columbus Speech & Hearing Center to make critical facility repairs; to amend the 2019 Capital Improvement Budget; to authorize the transfer, appropriation, and expenditure within the General Permanent Improvement Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$35,000.00)

WHEREAS, Columbus Speech & Hearing Center (CSHC) strives to unlock potential for individuals with communication and vocational challenges through all stages of life and serves people in the Columbus Community who experience communication challenges; and

WHEREAS, the CSHC provides diagnostic, therapeutic and educational services to children and adults with communication disorders related to speech-language and hearing, as well as vocational rehabilitation services which assists adults with disabilities in obtaining and sustaining competitive employment; and

WHEREAS, CSHC serves a wide cross section of the population, from those with considerable financial means to the poorest individuals in the Community; and

WHEREAS, repairs for CSHC's facility are needed to keep the facility operational allowing CSHC to continue to serve clients; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2019 Capital Improvement Budget; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the appropriation of funds within the General Permanent Improvement Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the transfer of funds between projects within the General Permanent Improvement Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds within the General Permanent Improvement Fund; and **WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City in that it is immediately necessary to authorize City Council to enter into a grant agreement with Columbus Speech & Hearing Center in order to avoid any delay in making the aforementioned critical facility repairs, for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare; **now, therefore,**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That Columbus City Council is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Columbus Speech & Hearing Center for the purpose of making critical facility improvements and repairs.

SECTION 2. That the 2019 Capital Improvement Budget be amended in Fund 7748 as follows:

Project Number/Project Name/Funding/Current CIB/Amendment/Revised CIB

P748999-100000/Unallocated Balance/GPIF Carryover/\$661,631/ (\$35,000)/\$626,631

P200018-100000/Columbus Speech and Hearing Capital Improvements/GPIF Carryover/\$0/\$35,000/\$35,000

SECTION 3. That the transfer of \$35,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized within Fund 7748 (General Permanent Improvement Fund), from Dept-Div 4501 (Financial Management), Project P748999-100000 (Unallocated Balance), object class 99(Intrafund Transfers) to Dept Div 2001 (City Council), Project 200018-100000 (Columbus Speech and Hearing Capital Improvements), object class 99(Intrafund Transfers) per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That the 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, 2020 the sum of \$35,000.00 is appropriated in Fund 7748 (General Permanent Improvement Fund), Dept-Div 2001 (City Council), Project P200018-100000 (Columbus Speech and Hearing Capital Improvements), in object class 06 (Capital Outlay) per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 5. That per the action authorized in SECTION 1, the expenditure of \$35,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 7748 (General Permanent Improvement Fund), Dept-Div 2001 (City Council), Project P200018-100000 (Columbus Speech and Hearing Capital Improvements), in object class 06 (Capital Outlay) per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 6. That the Funds are hereby deemed appropriated and expenditures and transfers authorized to carry out the purposes of this ordinance and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 7. 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 8. 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 9. 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 passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.