



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorize the appropriation and expenditure of \$400,000.00 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into contract with LifeCare Alliance in an amount up to \$400,000.00.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funds to the City of Columbus as authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136. These special CDBG funds (CDBG-CV) are to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) among low and moderate income individuals and families and to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19.

Lifecare Alliance, a non-profit organization, will use the funds for their Meals-on-Wheel program, delivering nutritionally balanced meals to the homes of seniors and medically challenged individuals.

LifeCare Alliance has been selected because of their history with the city and serving the residents of Columbus, as well as, their established administrative procedures to effectively and efficiently implement such services. LifeCare Alliance's programs have been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Because of this unprecedented scenario, a growing number of seniors and medically challenged individuals in Columbus who need meals delivered to their homes through the Meals-on-Wheels Program. Many seniors are not able to go to the grocery store, or are afraid to go to the store. In addition, those who normally have assistance from a family member or friend cannot be visited during this time.

This grant is authorized under the 2020 Action Plan, per Ordinance 2162-2019.

Emergency legislation is needed in order to continue implementation of efforts to respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) on behalf of low and moderate income persons.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: the vendor number is CC006078 and expires 12/16/21.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding for this agreement in the amount of \$400,000.00 is supported by the anticipated 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) awarded to the City of Columbus by HUD.

To authorize the appropriation and expenditure of \$400,000.00 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into contract with LifeCare Alliance in an amount up to \$400,000.00; and to declare an emergency. (\$400,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus is a participating jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for 2020;

WHEREAS, the City is a current recipient of Community Development Block Grant funds from HUD;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) the amount of \$4,388,525.00, as authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136;

WHEREAS, these special CDBG funds are to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) among individuals and families who are of low and moderate income households;

WHEREAS, this ordinance authorizes the Director of Development to enter into contract with the Lifecare Alliance in an amount up to \$400,000.00 to support their Meals-on-Wheels program; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract with Lifecare Alliance in order to continue implementation of efforts to respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) on behalf of low and moderate income persons, 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 from the unappropriated monies in Fund 2248 (CDBG) and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the grant period, the sum of \$400,000.00 is appropriated upon receipt of Notice of Award in Fund 2248 (CDBG), Dept-Div 44-01 (Administration), Object Class 03 (Services) per the accounting codes attached to this ordinance.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$400,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized in Fund 2248 (CDBG), Dept-Div 44-01 (Administration), in Object Class 03 (Services) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. At the end of the grant period, any repayment of unencumbered balances required by the grantor is hereby authorized and any unused City match monies may be transferred back to the City fund from which they originated in accordance with all applicable grant agreements.

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 Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Lifecare Alliance in an amount up to \$400,000.00 for the purpose of preventing, preparing for, and responding to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance; and supporting additional homeless assistance and homelessness prevention activities to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19.

SECTION 7. 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 8. 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.