

Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the transfer of \$2,650,000.00 in Fund 2207 from the Department of Finance and Management to the Department of Development; authorizes the expenditure of up to \$2,650,000.00 in the Department of Development; and authorizes the Director of Development to enter into a contract with the IMPACT Community Action Agency (IMPACT) in an amount up to \$2,650,000.00 to provide match funding for the Hope Fund and to authorize payment of expenses starting March 1, 2020.

The Hope Fund is a collaborative effort lead by IMPACT to assist families with rent and mortgage assistance to households affected by COVID-19. IMPACT received funding for this program from the Community Services Block Grant Program but needs matching funds to move forward. This agreement will provide the matching funds.

Emergency action is requested to allow program services to be fully implemented.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding is provided to the City of Columbus from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act passed by Congress and signed into law March 27, 2020. This ordinance is contingent upon the passage of Ordinance 1129-2020, the ordinance accepting and appropriating the CARES Act funds.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: the vendor's vendor number is 001447 and is valid from 12/16/2019-12/16/2021

To authorize the transfer of \$2,650,000.00 in Fund 2207 from the Department of Finance and Management to the Department of Development; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$2,650,000.00 in the Department of Development; to authorize the Director of Development to enter into a contract with the IMPACT Community Action Agency (IMPACT) in an amount up to \$2,650,000.00 to provide match funding for the Hope Fund; to authorize payment of expenses starting March 1, 2020; and to declare an emergency (\$2,650,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Development desires to enter into a contract with IMPACT Community Action Agency (IMPACT) and authorize payment of expenses beginning March 1, 2020, to provide matching funds for the Hope Fund which will provide rent and mortgage assistance to households affected by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, IMPACT Community Action Agency (IMPACT) is a non-profit organization with a commitment to reduce poverty in the community through providing emergency assistance empowerment services, energy assistance, and outreach and engagement; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City in that it is immediately necessary to enter into an agreement with IMPACT Community Action Agency (IMPACT) to allow program services to be fully implemented, all for the preservation of 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 transfer of \$2,650,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized within Fund 2207 (CARES Act Fund), from Dept-Div 45-01, object class 03 (Services) to Dept-Div 44-10 (Housing), object class 03 (Services) per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance, and contingent upon the passage of Ordinance 1129-2020.

SECTION 2: That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with IMPACT Community Action Agency (IMPACT) in an amount up to \$2,650,000.00 and is authorized to

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make payment for expenses starting March 1, 2020, for the purpose of providing matching funds for the Hope Fund which will provide rent and mortgage assistance to households affected by COVID-19.

SECTION 3: That the expenditure of \$2,650,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed is hereby authorized in Fund 2207 (CARES Act Fund), Dept-Div 44-10 (Housing Division), in object class 03 (Services) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4: That this agreement is awarded pursuant to the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of City Code relating to the process for awarding not-for-profit service agreements.

SECTION 5: 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 6: 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 legislation.

SECTION 7: That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is 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.