



Legislation Text

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Background: This legislation authorizes the Director of Development to enter into a grant agreement with the Human Service Chamber of Franklin County (HSC) in an amount up to \$100,000.00 to add needed capacity to HSC's COVID-19 specific services to HSC member organizations and the nonprofit community in general.

Founded in 2010, the Human Service Chamber of Franklin County (HSC) was conceived by nonprofit leaders who believed that working together and coming together with one voice would improve services to the people they served, and to the community as a whole. The Human Service Chamber serves and represents 84 member organizations in the Columbus region.

The COVID-19 pandemic is causing unforeseen needs within the nonprofit sector and HSC members have personal protective equipment (PPE) needs; legal, public relations, accounting and other business support needs; and needs for technology (hardware and software). The HSC has been and will continue to assist its members and others in the nonprofit sector with access to resources to meet those needs.

The services included in this contract cannot be provided by existing city employees because these services are beyond the City's current staffing capacity to provide.

Emergency Designation: Emergency action is requested to ensure that Human Service Chamber of Franklin County can begin providing additional services as soon as possible.

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.

Contract Compliance: the vendor's vendor number is 028003 and is valid from 12/17/2018-12/17/2020

To authorize the Director of Development to enter into a grant agreement with the Human Service Chamber of Franklin County in an amount up to \$100,000.00 to add needed capacity to HSC's COVID-19 specific services to its members and the nonprofit sector; to authorize an expenditure up to \$100,000.00 from the CARES Act Fund; to authorize the payment of expenses starting March 1, 2020; and to declare an emergency. (\$100,000.00)

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic is causing unforeseen needs within the nonprofit sector and HSC members have personal protective equipment (PPE) needs; legal, public relations, accounting and other business supports needs; and needs for technology (hardware and software); and

WHEREAS, the HSC has been and will continue to assist its members and others in the nonprofit sector with access to resources to meet those needs; and

WHEREAS, expenditure of CARES Act funding is necessary to address unforeseen needs within the nonprofit sector and HSC members including the need for personal protective equipment (PPE); legal, public relations, accounting and other business supports needs; and needs for technology (hardware and software) caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, such expenditure of funds has not been previously accounted for in the 2020 Budget; 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 a grant agreement with the Human Service Chamber of Franklin County so it can begin providing additional services as soon as possible, for the public health, safety and welfare; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

SECTION 1: That the Director of Development is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Human Service Chamber of Franklin County to allow it to begin providing additional COVID-19 specific services to its members and the nonprofit sector in an amount up to \$100,000.00 effective March 1, 2020.

SECTION 2. That for the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$100,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 2207 (CARES Act), Dept-Div 44-01 (Administration), in object class 03 (Services) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That this contract is awarded in accordance with the relevant provisions of City Code Chapter 329 relating to 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 passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.