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Legislation Text

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The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize Columbus City Council to enter into a grant agreement with Columbus Next Generation Corporation (CNGC) to provide rental and mortgage assistance to Linden residents and small businesses impacted by COVID-19.

The Greater Linden Rental and Mortgage Assistance project will provide rental and/or mortgage assistance to residents and small businesses in South and North Linden neighborhoods that have been impacted by COVID-19. CNGC will partner with C.R.A.C.K. House Ministries, who will provide the necessary administrative support to accept and process applications for the assistance to residents and business owners. CNGC will oversee the application approval process. The funds will be utilized to pay up to \$6,000 of delinquent rents/mortgages per applicant/address. Funds can also be utilized to cover delinquent electric and/or water charges if they are included as part of the monthly rent or mortgage.

Columbus City Council is supporting this project with \$228,336.00 in funding from the CARES Act fund.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION: Emergency action is requested in order to immediately provide the funds necessary to assist the residents and businesses in need.

FISCAL IMPACT: Total appropriation is \$228,336.00 and is available in the CARES Act fund.

To authorize Columbus City Council to enter into a grant agreement with the Columbus Next Generation Corporation in support of the Greater Linden Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program; to authorize a transfer of appropriations within the CARES Act fund; to authorize an expenditure of \$228,336.00 within the CARES Act fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$228,336.00)

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in unprecedented job losses and affected the ability of many Columbus residents to cover their basic needs, including rents and mortgages; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Columbus Next Generation Corporation is to transform communities into vibrant and productive places desired by both residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the federal CARES Act has provided additional resources for states and cities across the country to address community needs as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, expenditure of CARES Act funding to provide rent and mortgage assistance is necessary to address the needs of Linden residents and businesses who have fallen behind on payments due to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, \$228,336.00 is available in the CARES Act fund for appropriation and expenditure to provide for this need; 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 City of Columbus in that it is immediately necessary to authorize City Council to enter into a grant agreement with Columbus Next Generation Corporation to ensure it has the ability to offer this funding to assist the residents and businesses in South and North Linden neighborhoods that have been impacted by COVID-19, for the immediate 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 Columbus City Council is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Columbus Next Generation Corporation in support of the Greater Linden Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program.

SECTION 2: That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to transfer appropriations within the CARES Act fund, fund 2207, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3: That the expenditure of \$228,336.00 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the action authorized in SECTION 1 of this ordinance, is hereby authorized in the CARES Act fund per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That this contract is awarded pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 329 that relate to not-for-profit service contracts.

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.