



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to modify the grant agreement with Community Refugee and Immigration Services authorized by ord. 2130-2020 for the provision of services for a nine-month period that begins on March 1, 2020, and terminates on November 30, 2020. The total amount of this grant is \$120,000.00 and will be funded from CARES Act funds.

Community Refugee and Immigration Services provides resettlement, relocation, job preparation and placement, immigration legal services, mentorship, community engagement, elder and family programming to refugees and immigrants.

Emergency Designation: Emergency action is requested to ensure that Community Refugee and Immigration Services can begin providing additional services as soon as possible.

Contract Compliance: Their vendor number is 005773 and expires 6/17/2021.

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, and available in the Department of Development's CARES Act budget (fund 2207, subfund 220702).

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to modify a grant agreement with Community Refugee and Immigration Services to provide resettlement, relocation, job preparation and placement, immigration legal services, mentorship, community engagement, elder and family programming to refugees and immigrants; to authorize an expenditure within the CARES Act fund; to authorize the payment of expenses starting March 1, 2020; and to declare an emergency. (\$20,000.00)

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic is causing unforeseen needs among Columbus and Franklin County residents and human service agencies working to meet those needs have been impacted by unforeseen and unbudgeted costs. As a result, many residents and nonprofit human service providers are experiencing economic instability; and

WHEREAS, expenditure of CARES Act funding will be used to provide assistance to eligible nonprofit human service agencies for eligible expenses and losses caused by, or in response to, the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Development desires to modify a grant agreement with Community Refugee and Immigration Services which will begin on March 1, 2020, and terminate on November 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the grant will be funded with Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act; 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 modify a grant agreement with Community Refugee and Immigration Services so it can begin providing additional services as soon as possible, 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 Director of Development is hereby authorized to modify a grant agreement with Community Refugee and Immigration Services, previously authorized by ordinance 2130-2020 in the amount of \$100,000, with an increase of \$20,000.00 for a total award of \$120,000.00.

SECTION 2. That with regard to the action authorized in Section 1 of this ordinance, the expenditure of \$20,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized within the CARES Act fund, fund 2207, subfund 220702, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 5. 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.