



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into contract with the Mt. Vernon District Improvement Association, in an amount up to \$13,000.00, for the purpose of serving as a Neighborhood Referral Partner with the Department of Development's COVID-19 Small Business Response and Recovery Program and to allow expenses prior to the approval of the purchase order with a contract period of March 1, 2020, to December 30, 2020.

Mt. Vernon District Improvement Association is a not for profit organization that provides community services to the Mt. Vernon Avenue area. It serves as the City of Columbus's Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization (NCR) Association for the Mt. Vernon Area. The Association's mission is to "create and preserve healthy, stable and affordable communities, one neighborhood, one person at a time".

Mt. Vernon District Improvement Association serves as a Neighborhood Referral Partner with the Department of Development's COVID-19 Small Business Response and Recovery Program. As a Neighborhood Referral Partner, Mt. Vernon District Improvement Association will encourage and refer businesses to the department's COVID-19 Small Business Response and Recovery Program for services including: financial relief, personal protective equipment (PPE) procurement assistance, and training and technical Assistance.

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

Emergency legislation is requested in order to encumber funds in a timely manner so the Mt. Vernon District Improvement Association can expend the funds before the end of the year.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: The vendor number is 018091 and contract compliance expires on 3/3/2022.

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 220703). Funds for this contract are already appropriated and an ACPO is not needed; we will encumber directly from the budget.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into contract with the Mt. Vernon District Improvement Association in an amount up to \$13,000.00 for the purpose of serving as a Neighborhood Referral Partner with the Department of Development's COVID-19 Small Business Response and Recovery Program; to authorize the payment of expenses starting March 1, 2020; and to declare an emergency. (\$13,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Mt. Vernon District Improvement Association is a not for profit organization that provides community services to Mt. Vernon Avenue Area and serves as the City of Columbus' Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization (NCR) Association for the Mt. Vernon Area; and

WHEREAS, the Mt. Vernon District Improvement Association will serve as a Neighborhood Referral Partner for the Department of Development's COVID-19 Small Business Response and Recovery Program; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in severe economic hardship to the Columbus small business community; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Referral Partner is essential to the success of the COVID-19 Small Business Response and Recovery Program which will address the severe economic hardship caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the expenditure of CARES Act funding for the Neighborhood Referral Partner 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 enter into a contract with Mt. Vernon District Improvement Association in order to encumber funds in a timely manner so the Mt. Vernon District Improvement Association can expend the funds before the end of the year, 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:**

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Department of Development be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Mt. Vernon District Improvement Association in an amount up to \$13,000.00 for the purpose of serving as a Neighborhood Referral Partner with the Department of Development's COVID-19 Small Business Response and Recovery Program for payment of expenses beginning March 1, 2020.

SECTION 2. That contract is awarded pursuant to Columbus City Codes, Section 329.29 relating to non-profit service contracts.

SECTION 3. 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 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.