



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with Lutheran Social Services for \$50,000.00 in support of CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence.

CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence will use the grant funds to support Shelter Advocate staff in the shelter and on the hotline. Target constituencies include victims of domestic and dating violence and their families who must flee their home for safety. Safe shelter is a proven intervention to enhance safety of domestic violence victims. Deliverables include shelter for up to 144 adults and children each night, with 700 unique individuals served in 2021. CHOICES also anticipates responding to approximately 4,500 hotline crisis calls in 2021.

Fiscal Impact: Funding is available within the Reimagine Safety subfund.

Emergency action is requested to avoid any delay in providing critical resources to sustain the CHOICES shelter.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with Lutheran Social Services in support of CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence; to authorize an appropriation of \$50,000.00 within the Reimagine Safety subfund; to authorize a transfer between subfunds of the general fund, to authorize an appropriation and expenditure of \$50,000.00 within the general fund; and to declare an emergency (\$50,000.00).

WHEREAS, safe shelter is a proven intervention to enhance safety of domestic violence victims; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Social Services targets victims of domestic and dating violence as well as their families who must flee their homes for safety; and

WHEREAS, CHOICES expects to respond to approximately 4,500 hotline crisis calls in 2021; and

WHEREAS, CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence will use the grant funds to support Shelter Advocate staff in the shelter and on the hotline; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in that it is immediately necessary to authorize a grant agreement to avoid any delay in providing critical resources to sustain the CHOICES shelter 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 the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Lutheran Social Services in support of CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence.

SECTION 2. That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$50,000.00 to the Department of Finance and Management within the Reimagine Safety fund in object class 10-Transfers, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$50,000.00 from the Reimagine Safety subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100019, to the general fund, fund 1000, subfund 100010, per the accounting codes in the

attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$50,000.00 to the Department of Development in the general fund, fund 1000, subfund 100010, in 03-Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 5. That per the action authorized in SECTION 1 of this ordinance, the expenditure of \$50,000.00 within the general fund, fund 1000, subfund 100010, is hereby authorized per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 6. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure and shall take effect and be enforced from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.