

Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of providing federal advocacy services.

The Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce will pursue federal funding through the services of a consultant to support investments in infrastructure, people, and innovation to advance economic development and job growth within the City of Columbus and the Franklin County Region.

A collaborative effort was established between the City of Columbus, the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce, Franklin County, The Ohio State University, Columbus State Community College, the Columbus Partnership, the Central Ohio Transit Authority, the Columbus Regional Airport Authority, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority, OhioHealth and Nationwide Children's Hospital to pursue this effort.

Emergency action is requested to allow the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce to continue to provide federal advocacy services without interruption.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT</u>: Funding for the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce in an amount up to \$50,000.00 is available in the Administration Division's 2021 General Fund Budget.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: The vendor's contract compliance 006012 is active and expires on 8/9/21.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce for federal advocacy services in an amount up to \$50,000.00; to authorize the expenditure of \$50,000.00 from the General Fund budget; and to declare an emergency. (\$50,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus desires to provide the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce with funding for purposes of federal advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce will pursue federal funding through the service of a consultant to support investment in infrastructure, people, and innovation to advance economic development and job growth with the City of Columbus and the Franklin County Region; and

WHEREAS, this is a collaborative effort involving the City of Columbus, the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce, Franklin County, The Ohio State University, Columbus State Community College, the Columbus Partnership, the Central Ohio Transit Authority, the Columbus Regional Airport, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority, United Way of Central Ohio, OhioHealth and Nationwide Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract with the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce in order to continue the federal advocacy services without interruption, all 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 authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce in an amount up to \$50,000.00 to provide federal advocacy services.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$50,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 1000 (General Fund), Dept-Div 44-01 (Administration), in object class 03 (Contractual Services) per the accounting codes in the attachment to thus ordinance.

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. 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 passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.