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Legislation Text

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Background: This ordinance authorizes the appropriation of Federal Drug Seizure Funds in the amount of \$375,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a Lenco Rescue Vehicle for the Division of Police. This purchase will replace a similar vehicle which has been in operations for 16 years and is in need of replacement due to age and reliability. This equipment request also satisfies the recommendations of the Matrix Consulting Group's Report on the Police Division, Operational Review. The Rescue vehicle allows SWAT personnel to safely protect and extract officers and citizens from in and around dangerous locations, including barricades, high-risk search warrants, active shooter situations, etc. This ordinance also authorizes the City Auditor to establish an auditor's certificate in the amount of \$375,000.00 for the purchase of the above equipment for the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety. This purchase will be made through the City of Columbus Purchasing Office. A formal bid will be obtained and a contract awarded in compliance with the relevant provisions of the Columbus City Code, Chapter 329. This ordinance will set up all of the funding required to enter into contract with the vendor on an as-needed basis. Competitive bids will be solicited and opened by the Purchasing Office, obtained through any current universal term contract, or state term contract as authorized by ordinance number 582-87.

To authorize and direct the City Auditor to appropriate and to establish an auditor's certificate in the amount of \$375,000.00 for the purchase of a rescue vehicle for the Division of Police; to authorize and direct the Director of Finance and Management to enter into contract for the purchase of the rescue vehicle on behalf of the Division of Police; to authorize the expenditure of \$375,000.00 from the Law Enforcement Drug Seizure Funds. (\$375,000.00)

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the City Auditor appropriate and set up a certificate in the amount of \$375,000.00 for the purchase of a Lenco Rescue Vehicle for the Division of Police and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Office will solicit competitive bids to acquire the equipment for the Division of Police in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Columbus City Code, Chapter 329 or use State Term Contracts authorized per Ordinance No. 582-87; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the expenditure of \$375,000.00 from the Law Enforcement Drug Seizure Funds; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Safety to authorize the Director of Finance and Management to enter into contract for the purchase of a rescue vehicle on behalf of the Division of Police; and **NOW THEREFORE**

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

SECTION 1. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to appropriate and to establish an auditor's certificate in the amount of \$375,000.00 within the Law Enforcement Drug Seizure Funds for the purchase of a Lenco Rescue Vehicle for the Division of Police.

SECTION 2. That the Director of Finance and Management is hereby authorized to enter into contract for the purchase of the rescue vehicle on behalf of the Division of Police in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Columbus City

Code Chapter 329 or using State Term Contracts authorized per ordinance number 582-87.

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 the expenditure of \$375,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the cost thereof, be and is hereby authorized from the Division of Police's Law Enforcement Seizure Funds in object class 06 per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 6. That this Council hereby recognizes that this ordinance does not identify specific contractors or vendors for the expenditure purposes authorized herein and hereby delegates sole and final contracting decisions relative to the determination of lowest, best, most responsive and most responsible vendor(s) to the Director of Finance and Management.

SECTION 7. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.