



## Legislation Text

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This legislation authorizes an appropriation to the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (COAAA) in continued support of the organization's senior housing stabilization efforts.

In October 2019, ordinance 2630-2019 was approved by Columbus City Council which provided funding to COAAA to establish the Housing Assistance Program (HAP). In December 2020, ordinance 2875-2020 modified the appropriation by adding an additional \$75,000. The program includes preventative efforts to reduce eviction, displacement, and homelessness for Columbus' older adults. The focus is diversion, which is keeping older adults out of the shelter, as well as prevention, to keep from reaching a housing crisis. The funding supports preventive measures for homelessness for Columbus residents 50 and older. The Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (COAAA) has staff working daily on supporting older adults through housing crises. With staffing already in place, these funds address needs such as a missed rent or mortgage, rent or utility deposit, housing violation moving expenses, or other hardships related to maintaining safe housing that can lead to displacement.

**Fiscal Impact:** Total appropriation of \$75,000 is available within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund.

To authorize an appropriation of \$75,000.00 to the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging for the continued support of the Housing Assistance Program; and to authorize an appropriation and transfer within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund. (\$75,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, Columbus City Council desires to continue to support the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging Housing Assistance Program (HAP) by appropriating \$75,000.00 in additional funding and allowing changes in services based on need; and

**WHEREAS**, this ordinance allows COAAA to continue providing resources necessary for senior housing stabilization efforts; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

**SECTION 1:** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to appropriate \$75,000 to the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging to allow for changes in services based on need in support of senior housing stabilization efforts.

**SECTION 2:** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$75,000.00 in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, and transfer to the COAAA grant fund per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3:** That a transfer of funds is hereby authorized according to the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 4:** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$75,000.00 in the COAAA grant fund per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 5:** 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 legislation.

**SECTION 6:** That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.