



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a not-for-profit service contract with Columbus Housing Partnership dba Homeport for housing counseling services in an amount up to \$125,000.00 and to authorize payment of expenses starting January 1, 2022.

Homeport, a non-profit organization, provides U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development certified housing counseling services, including but is not limited to, pre-purchase/post-purchase homebuyer education, tenant counseling, troubled homeowner counseling, financial literacy, and foreclosure counseling.

Homeport has a long and successful track record of providing comprehensive housing counseling services to the community and is the largest provider in the community. For the City's Down Payment Assistance Program and Homeownership Development Programs, pre-purchase education is required. Housing Counseling is also helpful for households in financial distress so that homes and apartments are not lost.

These services cannot be provided by City staff as they do not have the training or capacity to provide these services.

Emergency action is requested to allow program services to continue without interruption.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: the vendor number is 004842 and expires 3/14/2024.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding is available in the Division of Housing's 2021 General Fund budget.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a not-for-profit service contract with Columbus Housing Partnership dba Homeport for housing counseling services in an amount up to \$125,000.00; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$125,000.00; to authorize payment of expenses starting January 1, 2022; and to declare an emergency. (\$125,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Development desires to enter into a contract with Columbus Housing Partnership dba Homeport (Homeport) to provide housing counseling services and authorize payment of expenses beginning January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Columbus Housing Partnership dba Homeport (Homeport) is a non-profit organization with the capacity to provide housing counseling services; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into contract with Columbus Housing Partnership dba Homeport (Homeport) to allow program services to continue without interruption, all for the preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; and **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 not-for-profit service contract with Columbus Housing Partnership dba Homeport in an amount up to \$125,000.00 and is authorized to make payment for expenses starting January 1, 2022, for the purpose of providing housing counseling services.

Section 2. That for the purpose as stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$125,000.00 or so much thereof as may be

needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 1000 (General Fund), Dept-Div 4410 (Housing), in object class 03 (Services) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

Section 3. That this contract is awarded pursuant to the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of City Code relating to the process for awarding not-for-profit service contracts.

Section 4. Funds are hereby deemed appropriated and expenditures and transfers authorized to carry out the purposes of this ordinance and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

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 ordinance.

Section 6. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which 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.