



## Legislation Text

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### **BACKGROUND:**

This legislation authorizes an amendment to Ordinance No. 0268-2023 to allow for reimbursement of costs that have been incurred prior to the extension of the purchase order for the contract agreement authorized under the ordinance approved by the City.

Columbus City Council passed Ordinance 0580-2022 to enter into a contract with the Community Shelter Board (CSB) in an amount up to \$5,389,650.00 to administer five initiatives to address homelessness in the City of Columbus and to authorize the payment of expenses starting January 1, 2022.

The original ordinance was amended by Ordinance No. 0268-2023, passed January 30, 2023, to allow for an extension of the contract. The original contract term ended on January 31, 2023.

This second amendment is to establish that costs from February 1, 2023 until the execution of the modified contract be eligible for reimbursement. The contract modification could not be executed before the original contract term ended on January 31, 2023. This amendment will ensure that there is no lapse in service.

Prior to FY2020, the Director of Development had submitted five different ordinances to enter into five separate contracts, one for each initiative. In 2020, in order to increase efficiencies in payments and reporting, all programs were managed under one single contract. This has proven to be more effective and efficient and will be the model moving forward.

CSB has, and will continue, to administer the following five initiatives to address homelessness in our community: Continuum of Care Application, Crisis Response, Outreach Services, Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Services, and the Safety Net Program. These programs provide support for men, women and families who are experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, homelessness in Columbus. The CSB leads a coordinated, community effort to make sure everyone has a place to call home.

The CSB is the collective impact organization driving strategy, accountability, collaboration, and resources to achieve the best outcomes for people facing homelessness in Columbus and Franklin County. The CSB will provide administration, oversight and monitoring of the City's investment for each of these five initiatives. The City and the CSB are working together to effectively and efficiently help individuals and families resolve their housing crisis and maintain stability in permanent housing. Below is more detail, and amount, for each program.

#### Continuum of Care (CoC) Consolidated Application (\$10,000.00)

CSB is the designated Collaborative Applicant on behalf of the City of Columbus and Franklin County and will prepare the 2020 Consolidated Application for the Continuum of Care. The Consolidated Application will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for all Columbus and Franklin County renewal and new permanent supportive housing projects. CSB will work with the Columbus and Franklin County Continuum of Care governing committee to develop local Continuum of Care priorities and review projects to be included in the Columbus and Franklin County submission.

#### Crisis Response (\$1,537,704.00)

CSB and its partners are providing services through the following crisis response initiatives for persons experiencing homelessness: single adult crisis response program; assistance to families experiencing homelessness; assistance to

pregnant women experiencing homelessness; and, assistance for non-VA eligible veterans.

Collaborative (Street) Outreach Services (\$117,000.00)

CSB will provide street and land outreach services through its funded partners to reduce unsheltered homelessness in Columbus. Outreach teams will work collaboratively to provide pro-active engagement, referral to medical and behavioral healthcare, and linkage to emergency shelter and permanent housing.

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Services (\$877,688.00)

CSB will provide its permanent supportive housing (PSH) partners with funding for various supportive services to PSH residents. These services will consist of necessary on-site social services and/or referrals to physical and mental health agencies for formerly homeless individuals currently living in PSH units.

Safety Net (\$2,847,258.00)

CSB will provide funding to its partners to continue the City's support for the operation of emergency shelters, related emergency shelter services, homelessness prevention and transition services for persons experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

The services included in this contract cannot be provided by existing city employees because these services are beyond the City's current staffing capacity to provide.

Emergency action is requested in order to immediately extend the contract prior to its expiration so that existing funding may be used and avoid a disruption in services.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**CONTRACT COMPLIANCE:** the vendor number is 004795 and expires on 01/09/2025.

To amend Ordinance No. 0268-2023 to allow for reimbursement of costs that have been incurred from February 1, 2023; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

**WHEREAS**, Columbus City Council passed Ordinance 0580-2022 to enter into a contract with the Community Shelter Board (CSB) in an amount up to \$5,389,650.00 to administer five initiatives to address homelessness in the City of Columbus and to authorize the payment of expenses starting January 1, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the original ordinance was amended by Ordinance No. 0268-2023, passed January 30, 2023, to allow for an extension of the contract term; and

**WHEREAS**, this second amendment is to establish that costs from February 1, 2023 until the execution of the modified contract be eligible for reimbursement; 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 amend this ordinance to prevent interruption in services, thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; now, therefore,

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

**SECTION 1.** That Section 1 of Ordinance No. 0268-2023, passed January 30, 2023, be amended to read as follows:  
"SECTION 1. That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to modify a contract with the

Community Shelter Board to extend the contract term for the administration of five initiatives to address homelessness in the City of Columbus to June 30, 2023 and to allow for reimbursement of costs that have been incurred from February 1, 2023.

**SECTION 2.** That 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 approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.