



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development, or his designee, to enter into a grant agreement with Choice Network, Inc., in the amount of \$250,000.00 to provide general operating support and to allow both payment of expenses starting January 1, 2023, and advance payments.

Choice Network, Inc., ("Choice") is a not for profit organization whose purpose is to provide adoption services and support. Funding will support the operations of the organization by providing needed funds for staffing, space, marketing, and supplies. Choice does not provide any direct support for terminating a pregnancy; rather, it refers clients to other agencies who can provide that care.

No public funds shall be used to subsidize abortion procedures and associated services such as anesthesia, laboratory tests, or hospital services as proscribed by RC §§5101.55 and 5101.56.

Emergency action is requested to allow for the immediate execution of this grant agreement to provide services as soon as possible that support pregnant women.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding of \$250,000.00 is available within the Neighborhood Initiatives Subfund (100018).

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: The vendor number is 042891 and expires on 8/31/2024.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development, or his designee, to enter into a grant agreement in the amount of \$250,000.00 to provide general operating support to Choice Network, Inc. and to allow both payment of expenses starting January 1, 2023, and advance payments; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure of \$250,000.00 within the Neighborhood Initiatives Subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$250,000.00)

WHEREAS, Choice Network, Inc. is a not for profit organization whose purpose is to provide adoption services and support to women; and

WHEREAS, Choice does not provide any direct support to terminate a pregnancy; rather, they refer clients to other agencies who can provide that care; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Development desires to enter into a grant agreement to provide operating support for the organization; 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 of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with Choice Network to allow for the availability of services to pregnant women who are in immediate need of such services as soon as possible; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Development, or his designee, is authorized to enter into a grant agreement in the amount of \$250,000.00 to provide general operating support to Choice Network, Inc. and to allow both payment of expenses starting January 1, 2023, and advance payments.

SECTION 2. That from the unappropriated monies and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, the sum of \$250,000.00 is appropriated in fund 1000 (General Fund), subfund 100018 (Neighborhoods Initiatives Subfund), Dept Div 44 01 (Administration), in object class 05 (Other) per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That for the purpose as stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$250,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is authorized in fund 1000 (General Fund), subfund 100018 (Neighborhood Initiatives Subfund), Dept Div 44 01 (Administration), in Object Class 05 (Other) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance are deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary. That no public funds shall be used to subsidize abortion procedures and associated services such as anesthesia, laboratory tests, or hospital services as proscribed by RC §§5101.55 and 5101.56.

SECTION 5. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contract modifications associated with this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. For the reasons stated in the Preamble hereto, which is made a part hereof, this Ordinance is 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.