



Housing & Health and Human Development Committees
Wednesday March 3, 2010
5:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers
Chair: Charleta B. Tavares

AGENDA

Housing Committee

- Legislative Review

Health and Human Development Committee

- Legislative Review

PRESENTATION

Michelle Hannan and Trish Smouse - The Salvation Army Central Ohio

Human Trafficking in Central Ohio

**FUTURE DATES FOR THE HOUSING &
HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

3/24/10	9/08/10
4/07/10	9/22/10
4/21/10	10/06/10
5/05/10	10/20/10
5/19/10	11/03/10
6/02/10	11/17/10
6/16/10	12/01/10
7/07/10	12/14/10 - Budget Briefing Hearing
7/21/10	12/15/10 - Budget Briefing Hearing
8/17/10 - HHH Briefing	
8/18/10 - HHH Briefing	

HOUSING COMMITTEE

Legislation Pending March 2010

HOUSING

0393-2010 COLUMBUS URBAN LEAGUE, FAIR HOUSING PROGRAM (\$105,456)

CDBG funds are being provided to the Columbus Urban League (CUL) to enable them to provide fair housing services to the residents of the city. The CUL will conduct activities to reduce and eliminate legal and social barriers to housing opportunities, investigate all valid housing discrimination complaints and seek redress, develop testing procedures to determine the extent of discrimination, promote awareness of equal housing opportunities and prepare and implement the Fair Housing Action Plan. \$105,456 is available in the 2010 Community Development Block Grant Fund budget for this purpose.

0390-2010 CD COLLABORATIVE ADMIN CONTRACT (\$45,000) (first reading)

This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with the Community Development Collaborative of Greater Columbus (Collaborative). The contract will provide funds to support the Collaborative in its role as a funding intermediary, facilitator of training, and builder of organizational capacity for Community Development Corporations (CDCs) and Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) in Columbus. This funding represents a commitment from the City to the long-term goal of building strong, viable CDCs and CHDOs in Columbus that can significantly contribute to neighborhood revitalization. The CD Collaborative contracts with the Affordable Housing Trust for Columbus and Franklin County to provide administrative support. The amount of the contract will be \$45,000.00, allocated from the 2010 Community Development Block Grant Fund.

0392-2010 CHORES PROGRAM (\$150,000)

This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into contracts with Rebuilding Together Central Ohio, Economic and Community Development Institute, and Lifecare Alliance to support the operation of the City's Chores Program. The total amount of these contracts is \$150,000 from the Community Development Block Grant Fund (CDBG) through the Housing Division's Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund (AHOF). The AHOF represents the City's commitment to the preservation and production of housing units affordable to very-low, low and moderate-income individuals. Funds are used to meet the housing needs identified in the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan. Programs provide housing rehabilitation assistance, lead paint hazard control, home maintenance repairs for elderly and disabled households, and accessibility modifications. The Chores Program provides minor home maintenance and repair services to low and low/moderate-income elderly and disabled homeowner-occupants in the City of Columbus. Examples of program services include replacement or repair of leaking faucets and commodes, faulty light fixtures and switches, loose or missing sections of porch decking or steps and installation of handrails, smoke detectors and deadbolt locks. Eligible homeowners receive home repair services (materials and labor) free of charge. This program will help about 200 households.

0395-2010 LEAD SAFE COLUMBUS PROGRAM (\$175,000)

This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to expend previously encumbered, but unspent funds, for lead hazard control projects in the Lead Safe Columbus program. Lead Safe Columbus provides grants to qualified property owners in order to remove lead based hazards in owner and tenant occupied units. Funds are provided through the 2007 Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant received from the Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Funds for projects are encumbered to include contingency. The \$175,000 represents unspent contingency funds and/or cancelled projects. These funds will increase the production of lead safe housing units and enable the program to meet the targets of the lead grant and comply with the Title X Federal regulations. This legislation requests the expenditure of \$175,000.00 from the General Government Grant Fund.

HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

0388-2010 DEAF SERVICES CENTER (\$40,000)

This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with Deaf Services Center. The contract will provide \$40,000 from the 2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund for the administrative and equipment costs necessary to eliminate environmental barriers in the residences of low and moderate-income individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. The Deaf Modification Program will provide communication and adaptive equipment necessary to increase the independence and safety of deaf or hard of hearing individuals in the City of Columbus. Examples of the equipment to be provided include amplified telephones, communication devices, answering machines, motion detectors, strobes, smoke alarms, bed vibrator, baby monitors, individual alert receivers, carbon monoxide detectors and alarm clocks. The Deaf Services Center will provide equipment to approximately 40 eligible applicants citywide.

HEALTH

0321-2010 HEALTHY HOMES CONTRACT WITH IMPACT COMMUNITY ACTION PROJECT

The Board of Health was awarded grant monies from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control, to fund the Columbus Healthy Homes Project (CHHP). In accordance with HUD's requirements for this project, it is necessary for the Health Department to collaborate with IMPACT Community Action for the provision of physical intervention and weatherization services in homes most at risk for asthma triggers and injury hazards. This ordinance authorizes the second year of a three-year contract with IMPACT Community Action in the amount of \$110,000 for the period April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011. The contract compliance number for IMPACT, a not-for-profit organization, is 20-5536173. Emergency action is requested to allow for the uninterrupted continuation of physical intervention and weatherization services for the CHHP. This contract is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

0336-2010 LOCAL TELEPHONE SERVICES

The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the Director of the Department of Finance and Management to establish a blanket purchase order for Columbus Public Health for local telephone service with AT&T.

The Purchasing Office has established a City-wide Universal Term Contract for the purchase of local Centrex telephone services. The telephone services will be purchased in accordance with the terms and conditions of the UTC, which expires December 31, 2012. Funding within this ordinance is for the Fiscal Year 2010 and includes \$47,000 from the Health Special Revenue Fund and \$36,000 from the Women, Infants, and Children Grant Program.