



Housing & Health and Human Development Committees
Wednesday June 2, 2010
5:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers
Chair: Charleta B. Tavares

AGENDA

Health and Human Development Committee

- Legislative Review

Housing Committee

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Future Dates for the Housing & Health and Human Development Committee meetings

6/09/10	Joint Public Hearing on Workforce Development with Development Committee (4:30pm start)
6/16/10	Vacant and Abandoned Draft Legislation Public Hearing
7/07/10	
7/21/10	
8/17/10	HHH Briefing
8/18/10	HHH Briefing
9/08/10	
9/22/10	
10/06/10	
10/20/10	
11/03/10	
11/17/10	
12/01/10	
12/14/10	Budget Briefing Hearing
12/15/10	Budget Briefing Hearing

Legislation Pending June 2010

HOUSING

0733-2010 NSP ASBESTOS ABATEMENT CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS (\$74,722)

In response to the housing mortgage crisis, the City of Columbus was awarded \$22,845,495 of Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City of Columbus has 18 months ending September 2, 2010 to obligate the entire grant. These funds will provide for the purchase of foreclosed or abandoned properties, and the redevelopment, rehabilitation or demolition of these properties in order to stabilize neighborhoods and stem the decline of values of neighboring homes. This legislation will allow for the completion of asbestos abatement, a prerequisite to the demolition portion of the NSP program by authorizing the Development Director to modify three contracts with Safeco Environmental, Inc. and one contract with Hina Environmental Solutions, LLC to provide asbestos abatement services on blighted vacant structures. Safeco Environmental, Inc. and Hina Environmental Solution, LLC was selected from a pool of companies that responded to the request for bids under the informal bid process. The Land Redevelopment Office expected the contracts to be under \$20,000 however the cost for additional asbestos abatement exceeded the limit for informal bidding. Each company provided its best estimate of the cost to complete the abatement of the structures in their respective contracts and it is by that amount that the contracts need to be increased. The companies were selected based on lowest bid, prior experience, and qualifications. The formal bidding process must be waived to modify these contracts under City Code 329.16 and 329.09. \$74,722 in funding is available from the NSP grant from HUD. The Department's NSP budget includes funds for the abatement of asbestos prior to the demolition of properties.

0735-2010 R3, Inc. NSP ASBESTOS HAZARD EVALUATIONS (\$25,000)

This legislation increases and extends the contract with R3, Inc. for additional asbestos hazard evaluation services related to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The amount of the modification is \$25,000.00 bringing the total modified contract cost to \$45,000.00. Contract No. EE 007715 was the result of Solicitation No. SO-032944. Of the five bidders' proposals, R3, Inc. submitted the lowest/most responsive bid. Emergency action is requested so that the properties can be evaluated before the end of the grant obligation period. Funding is available from a \$22,845,495 NSP grant from HUD.

0754-2010 LAWN CARE SERVICES FOR LAND BANK NSP PROPERTIES

(\$195,000)

This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with YAHS Construction Company to provide lawn care service on City owned property being held in the Land Bank and purchased with Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds. YAHS Construction Company was one of two contractors selected that responded to the request for bids (2010 SA003553). The company was selected based on lowest bid, prior experience, and qualifications. Grass cutting services were started under an initial contract for \$18,000 in order to maintain parcels acquired under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program until such time legislation can be prepared and accepted. The term of the contract will last until March 4, 2013 to comply with the obligation requirements established by the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. \$195,000 in funding is available from a \$22,845,495 Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Emergency action is requested in order to continue uninterrupted lawn care services in the neighborhoods.

0783-2010 NSP PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS (\$263,096.20)

In response to the housing mortgage crisis, the city of Columbus has been awarded \$22,845,495 of Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funds will provide for the purchase of foreclosed or abandoned properties, redevelopment, rehabilitation or demolition of these properties in order to stabilize neighborhoods and stem the decline of house values of neighboring homes. On February, 23, 2009, Council authorized implementation of the acquisition portion of the NSP program by authorizing the Development Director to purchase properties in accordance with the program guidelines and to execute any and all documents for conveyance of title to such real property. Ordinances 0234-2009, 0136-2009, and 0217-2010 authorized the expenditures for property acquisition under the City' NSP Application, adopted by ordinance 1860-2008. This legislation authorizes the expenditure of an additional \$263,096.20, funds the City received as reimbursements from property acquisitions. This amount is the difference between total voucher amounts and the final amount expended. Acquisitions authorized under this legislation will conform to requirements established by HUD under the NSP Program. Properties suitable for redevelopment and blighted properties proposed for demolition will be acquired under this legislation, as stated in the Application. The subsequent disposition will be in accordance with City and NSP program requirements. The Land Redevelopment Office will manage these properties until transferred for redevelopment. This legislation authorizes the appropriation and expenditure of funds within the Department of Development. The Department's 2010 NSP budget includes funds for the acquisition of properties.

0800-2010 NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM 2 APPROPRIATION (\$11,117,773)

The City of Columbus has been awarded \$23,200,773 of Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP2) grant funds under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-005) (Recovery Act) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funds will provide for the acquisition, rehabilitation, redevelopment or demolition of foreclosed, abandoned and vacant properties in order to stabilize neighborhoods and stem the decline of housing values. This ordinance authorizes an appropriation of \$11,117,773.00 in various divisions and object levels of the General Government Grant Fund to provide funding for approved programs. Prior ordinance number 0156-2010 authorized the Director of the Department of Development to enter into consortium funding agreements with members of the NSP2 Consortium and the appropriation and expenditure of \$12,083,000. The City of Columbus is the Lead Applicant of the NSP 2 Consortium which is an association of seven organizations and government entities formed for the purpose of applying for and implementing NSP2 funds, as well as, pooling their resources and services for achieving a common goal: Creating vital, healthy neighborhoods by implementing strategies that build a stronger housing real-estate market in weak-market areas of Columbus and Franklin County. Members of the NSP2 Consortium include The City of Columbus, Franklin County, Affordable Housing Trust of Columbus and Franklin County, Campus Partners, Columbus Housing Partnership, Community Development Collaborative of Greater Columbus, and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Columbus.

HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT-No pending legislation

HEALTH

0703-2010 LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION CONTRACT MODIFICATION

The Columbus Health Department Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program has a need to increase a contract to continue to meet the demand for language interpretation and written translation services for persons with limited English proficiency who receive services at the Health Department WIC clinics. The contract period is October 1, 2009 through September

30, 2010. This contract modification with Access 2 Interpreters, LLC will be in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00, for a total contract not to exceed \$70,000.00.

0724-2010 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT BUDGET REVISION

The Columbus Health Department was awarded the Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant from the Ohio Department of Health through the Centers for Disease Control in the amount of \$4,106,877 in August 2009. The Ohio Department of Health has recently approved a budget revision for this program resulting in appropriation realignment to fund approved activities. This ordinance is needed to realign appropriation in the amount of \$372,388.82 for the time period ending August 9, 2010.

The Public Health Emergency Preparedness program establishes the Franklin County/City of Columbus support network that would be required in the event of bioterrorism activity in the central region of the state of Ohio. It also allocates funding for the Cities Readiness Initiative, pandemic flu planning, and H1N1 related planning and activities.

0777-2010 CHLAMYDIA & GONORRHEA TEST KITS

The Board of Health provides Chlamydia and gonorrhea testing for patients of the STD Clinic and various other clinics in the City of Columbus. The laboratory of the Board of Health uses a highly effective DNA probe test kit for Chlamydia and gonorrhea testing. The DNA probe test kit has higher sensitivity, specificity, and transportability characteristics than other types of testing methods. Gen-Probe is the sole provider of the DNA probe test kit, which is the only FDA approved test kit available in the United States. This ordinance authorizes the Board of Health to establish a purchase order with Gen-Probe for the purchase of Chlamydia and gonorrhea test kits for the Health Department in accordance with sole source provisions, and authorizes the expenditure of \$125,000 from the Health Special Revenue Fund to pay the cost thereof.

0778-2010 RAPID HIV TEST KITS

The Columbus Health Department provides HIV/AIDS testing for patients of the STD Clinic and HIV Counseling and Testing Site. The Health Department uses OraQuick, a rapid HIV antibody detection test. It is highly accurate and provides results in 20 minutes. It is the only rapid test approved by the FDA for finger-stick, venipuncture, and oral fluid testing. The CDC recommends that the rapid HIV test be used to better ensure that all patients receive their results. OraSure is the sole manufacturer of OraQuick and is the only company that can

legally distribute it to the Health Department. The Columbus Health Department, as a public health agency, receives discounted pricing for the OraQuick test kits. This ordinance authorizes the Board of Health to establish a purchase order with OraSure for the purchase of OraQuick rapid HIV test kits for the Health Department in accordance with sole source provisions, and authorizes the expenditure of \$10,000 from the Health Special Revenue Fund to pay the cost thereof.

0779-2010 PHYSICIAN SERVICES – SEXUAL HEALTH CLINIC

The Columbus Public Health Sexual Health Clinic has a need for physician services for CPH Sexual Health Clinic patients. The Board of Health entered into a contract with OSU Internal Medicine, LLC, in the amount of \$29,120.00 for the period of February 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011. This ordinance is needed to modify the contract with OSU Internal Medicine, LLC for \$17,920.00. This contract modification will allow for funding an additional eight (8) hours per week of physician services, for the period of July 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011.

0795-2010 GRANT AWARD FOR INSTITUTE FOR ACTIVE LIVING

The Columbus Health Department has received funds from The Foundation for Active Living through The Columbus Foundation. This ordinance is needed to accept and appropriate \$25,000.00 in grant money to fund the Institute for Active Living program for the period June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011.

The Institute for Active Living program objective is to promote active lifestyles and improve the health of all citizens of the City of Columbus.

0784-2010 H1N1 PHASE IV CONTRACT

The Board of Health was awarded \$160,000.00 in grant monies from the Ohio Department of Health, Centers for Disease Control for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness/Public Health Emergency Response program. This ordinance is needed to authorize a contract with The Strategy Team for \$48,810.00 for the time period June 1, 2010 through July 30, 2010. The purpose of the contract is to fund focus groups to primarily target zip codes 43201, 43203, 43205, 43207, 43211, 43219, 43222 and 43223 to glean better ways of communicating to the residents living in these areas about the H1N1 vaccination process with the hope of increased participation in future campaigns.

Due to timeframes imposed by the Ohio Department of Health, formal bidding requirements were waived, however, informal bids were conducted. The Strategy Team was selected as the lowest and most responsive bid for the project.

0803-2010 VITAL STATISTICS SECURITY PAPER PURCHASE

The Columbus Health Department has a need to purchase security paper for birth and death certificates in the Vital Statistics area of the Planning and Peak Performance Division. This paper is mandated by the Ohio Department of Health and must be purchased from the State; therefore, this purchase is made in accordance with sole source provisions of the Columbus City Code. This legislation authorizes the purchase of 100 boxes of security paper from the Treasurer, State of Ohio for \$10,000.00 for the period ending December 31, 2010.