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WELCOME

Greetings, and I hope you are having a great summer. Inside this edition of *Tavares Times News* you will find my annual listing of human development dollars to local agencies. While Columbus was fortunate to be able to restore some agency funding from the across the board 2009 expenditure decrease, these are still very challenging times for the individuals and families. That is why I always like to encourage residents and businesses to donate time, dollars and services to these agencies that provide such critical services.

August is also the time when I schedule my annual Human Services Briefings. These are scheduled for August 17th and 18th. Those familiar with these sessions know that it is an opportunity to hear directly from those agencies receiving City support for the critical services they provide our residents.

As always, it is an honor and privilege to represent all residents on Columbus City Council. Know that everyday I work hard to protect tax-payer dollars and seek the greatest return from the services and agencies the City does support. Please do not hesitate to contact my office at (614) 645-8580 and speak with my aide, James Ragland, with any questions you have or assistance needed.



Sincerely,
Charleta B. Tavares
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ADA CELEBRATES 20 YEARS



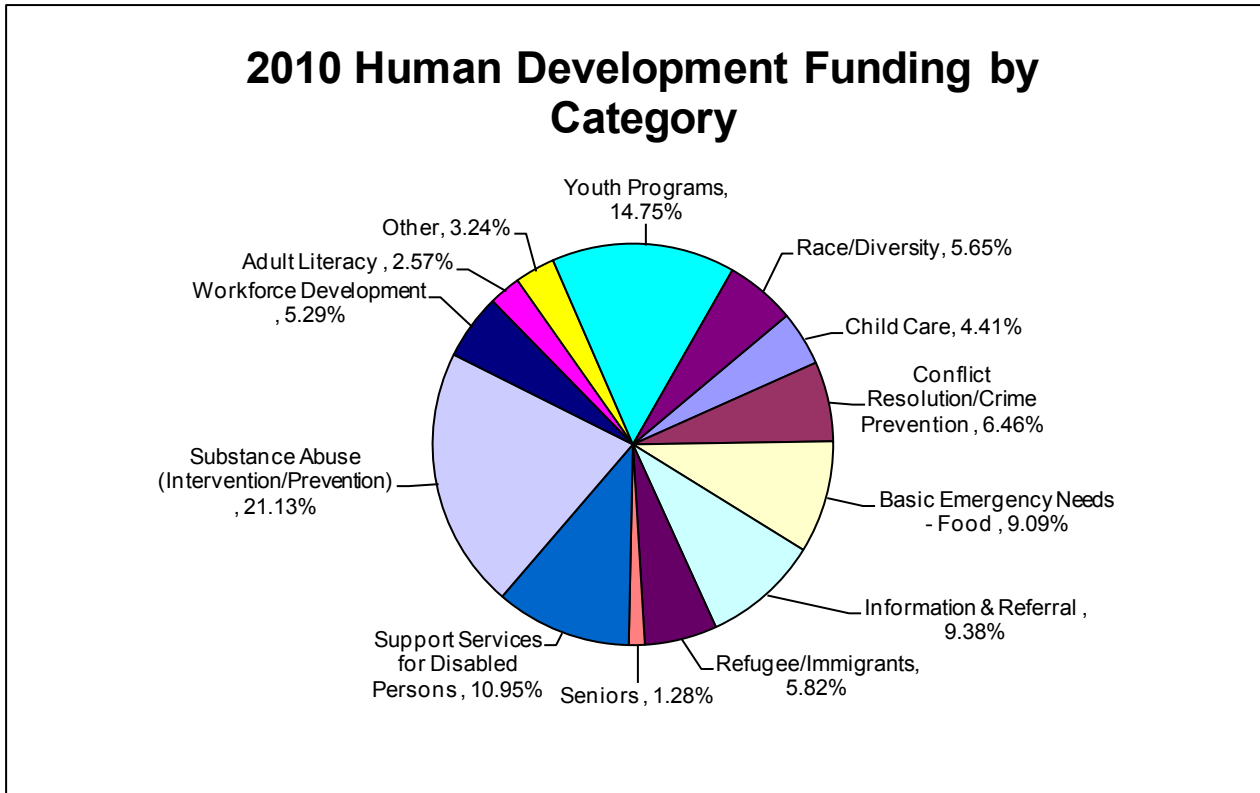
The nation marked the 20th anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), the landmark law that set federal standards to make public places universally accessible, on July 26, 2010. State officials joined federal and local leaders, like Columbus City Councilmember Charleta Tavares, in passing resolutions from their level of government to acknowledge the important impact of the ADA.

Now, two decades after passage, the ADA has improved access for millions of people. However, advocates argue that more can and should be done. Columbus City Councilmember Charleta Tavares notes, "While the ADA has found successes, including public accommodation in multifamily housing and businesses, the spirit of the law has not been met in all areas. We must continue to educate employers, builders, governments, and individuals so they can understand not just the letter of the law, but the moral imperative of accessibility."

Groups like Tavares' Ohio Visitability Strategy Workgroup would like to extend basic accessibility standards to single family homes. They are asking new home builders to include one entrance to the home without any stairs, slightly wider doorways and hallways on the main floor, and an accessible bathroom. They believe that these minor improvements will allow more people with mobility impairments to visit with friends and family, without the expense of building ramps or renovating a home after it has been built.

For more information about the ADA, please visit www.ada.gov.

ANNUAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT BRIEFINGS



Health and Human Development Committee, and Housing Committee Chair Charleta Tavares annually conducts a review of agency performance and solicits social service agency input, including feedback from clients. **Two public hearings have been scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 17 and Wednesday, August 18, 2010 at the Columbus West Family Health and Wellness Center, located at 2300 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43204-3783.** Residents, service recipients and funders are encouraged to attend.

Councilmember Tavares uses the information shared at these sessions to help determine the allocation of City dollars for social services and human development for the next year based on trends and critical basic needs. The history of recent allocations of City dollars and revenue estimates also play a role in the process. The above chart shows the allocation of General Fund, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and Emergency Human Services funds for this purpose in 2010. The three largest categories for spending currently are, from largest to smallest:

- substance abuse (intervention/prevention) at around 21% of the total,
- youth programs at approximately 15%, and
- support services for disabled persons at nearly 11%.

Programs at Lifecare Alliance, within the Support Services for Disabled category, represent the single largest overall allocation at \$247,571 to provide nutritional support for seniors and persons with disabilities. The ADAMH Board at \$238,625 is the highest funded program within the largest funded category, substance abuse. It subcontracts with community agencies to provide prevention programs for youth.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY

Category	Agencies	Amount
Child Care	Central Community House, Neighborhood House, Columbus Early Learning Center, YWCA Safe & Sound, Godman Guild, and South Side Learning & Development Center	\$150,781
Conflict Resolution	Columbus Housing Partnership, Columbus Urban League, Community Mediation Services, and Legal Aid Society	\$220,560
Basic Emergency Needs—Food	Catholic Diocese of Ohio (JOIN), Community Kitchen, Gladden Community House, St. Stephens Community House, and Mid-Ohio Food Bank (Operation Feed)	\$310,507
Information & Referral	Action for Children, and Hands On (<i>formerly FirstLink</i>)	\$320,585
Refugee/Immigrants	Asian American Community Services, Cambodian Mutual Assistance, Somali Association, and Community Refugee and Immigration Services	\$198,955
Seniors	Catholic Social Services (Sr. Care), Catholic Social Services (Sr. Companion), and Hands On (<i>formerly FirstLink</i>) R.S.V.P.	\$43,699
Support Services for Disabled Persons	Voice Corps, Heritage Day Health Center, Lifecare Alliance, M.O.B.I.L.E.	\$374,060
Substance Abuse (Intervention/Prevention)	ADAMH Board, Amethyst, Maryhaven (Adolescent Services), Maryhaven (Adult Male Outpatient), Maryhaven (Adult Inpatient Detox)	\$722,084
Workforce Development	Enterprise Works, New Directions Career Center, Columbus Works, IMPACT/CAO, St. John Learning Center	\$180,702
Adult Literacy	Columbus Literacy Council	\$87,659
Other	Community Research Partners	\$110,542
Youth Programs	City Year Whole School/Whole Child, City Year Young Heroes, Communities In Schools, Directions for Youth, Huck House (Crisis Counseling), Huckleberry House (Youth Outreach), S.A.V.E., St. Stephens (Unruly Youth)	\$503,821
Race/Diversity	Stonewall Community Agency, Columbus Historical, Columbus Urban League	\$192,905



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COMMONS AT BUCKINGHAM RIBBON CUTTING



Councilmember Charleta Tavares joins Mayor Michael Coleman, Franklin County Commission President John O'Grady, and other elected officials and community leaders at the ribbon cutting of the Commons at Buckingham. The Commons at Buckingham will provide 100 supportive efficiency apartments for single men and women. For more information, visit NCR.org

LEGISLATIVE WATCH

CONTINUING THE LEAD SAFE COLUMBUS PROGRAM: The Lead Safe Columbus program offers resources to remove hazardous lead-based materials for eligible property owners. Funding was provided through the 2007 Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant from the Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The grant included contingency funding. Housing Committee Chair Charleta B. Tavares sponsored Ordinance 0993-2010, which authorizes the expenditure of \$66,561.33 of unspent contingency funds from the General Government Grant Fund for continuation of the program. The funding will enable the program to continue to be publicized and promote educational activities about healthy housing principles and neighborhood revitalization efforts. The program demonstrates the City's commitment to generating lead-safe affordable housing and the prevention of lead poisoning in children and adults.

VACCINATING CHILDREN AGAINST INFECTIOUS DISEASES: The Columbus Health Department offers routine vaccines for children of all ages. Ordinance 1067-2010, sponsored by Health and Human Development Committee Chair Charleta B. Tavares, will direct the Board of Health to accept a grant from the Ohio Department of Health in the amount of \$165,000 for the Peer Advocate for Immunization Program. The program's goal is to improve and extend immunization outreach to underserved urban neighborhoods by providing staff representatives to assist parents in protecting young children from vaccine preventable diseases. The grant funding will provide services through December 31, 2011.

PROVIDING HELP FOR INDIGENT MOTHERS AND CHILDREN: Health and Human Development Committee Chair Charleta B. Tavares sponsored four pieces of legislation to help support healthy mothers and children in Columbus. Ordinance 1075-2010 will authorize the expenditure of \$34,049 from Health Department grant funds for the Council On Healthy Mothers and Babies to provide services for the Healthy Start program. The Council on Healthy Mothers and Babies provides health education/promotional services, supports the Local Health System Action Plan, holds public forums and meetings, prenatal care committees and links pregnant women with appropriate providers through the Pregnancy Care Connection Network. Ordinances 1092-2010, 1095-2010 and 1097-2010 will authorize the City to accept and appropriate \$1.6 million in grant funding from the Ohio Department of Health for the Child & Family Health Services (CFHS) program, the CFHS Perinatal program, and the CFHS Women's Health Services program. The programs provide prenatal and perinatal services for the un- and uninsured and will be funded from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

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