

Resolution authorizing an amendment to the contract between Franklin County and the Columbus Urban League for additional funds to be used for foreclosure prevention related services including staff and training.

(Treasurer) (\$25,000)

WHEREAS, home foreclosures in Franklin County have been steadily increasing since 2005 with 9,266 foreclosure filings in Franklin County Courts for 2008 and the current figure of 7,937 as of the end of October for 2009; and

WHEREAS, foreclosures create vacant and blighted properties in our neighborhoods, decrease property values and therefore could lead to a decrease in the funds distributed to our schools and vital social services agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer, Prosecutor and the Board of Commissioners developed the Homeowner HelpLine Program in 2008, a comprehensive foreclosure intervention and prevention program; and

WHEREAS, funding from the Homeowner HelpLine has aided in providing housing counseling services to more homeowners reduce the wait time for homeowners to get housing counseling appointments; and

WHEREAS, these additional funds can be used to maintain the foreclosure housing counseling activities as the agencies are enduring federal and state foreclosure prevention funding cuts;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners, Franklin County, Ohio:

That the attached Amendment between Franklin County and the Columbus Urban League whereby the County agrees to fund foreclosure prevention related activities including staff training at the budgeted amount of \$25,000 at each of the five HUD approved housing counseling agencies in Columbus is hereby approved. Approval of this resolution will also approve the opening of a purchase order in the amount of \$25,000.

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