



## Legislation Text

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### **Background:**

This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods, to enter into a not for profit service contract in an amount up to \$150,000.00 with the Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) for the period of May 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023 to administer a neighborhood beautification grant program.

NDC, a non-profit agency in Central Ohio, contains a team of design professionals and students that utilize design thinking, public engagement, project visioning, and advocacy in the pursuit of rediscovery and revitalization of the built environment in underserved communities. NDC will administer grants to neighborhood organizations for community investment projects. Small to medium sized neighborhood beautification or improvement projects will be awarded to organizations through an application process.

This support is in accordance with the relevant provisions of City Code Chapter 329 that relate to not-for-profit service contracts. The services included in this agreement cannot be provided by existing city employees because these services are beyond the City's current responsibility and capacity to provide.

**Fiscal Impact:** Funding is available within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund.

**Emergency Justification:** Emergency action is requested to allow for the immediate execution of this contract in order to begin the program as soon as possible.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods to enter into a not for profit service contract in an amount up to \$150,000.00 with the Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) for the period of May 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023 to administer a neighborhood beautification grant program.; to authorize the appropriation and expenditure of \$150,000.00 from the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$150,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods desires to enter into a not for profit service contract with Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) to administer a neighborhood beautification grant program for the period of May 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, NDC contains a team of design professionals and students that utilize design thinking, public engagement, project visioning, and advocacy in the pursuit of rediscovery and revitalization of the built environment in underserved communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the work of NDC results in the transformational improvement of the built environment to support neighborhood vitality and quality place making for communities in Columbus and Central Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Neighborhoods in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods to enter into contract with the Neighborhood Design Center and to allow the Neighborhood Design Center to continue work associated with the implementation of a neighborhood beautification plan, thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; **now therefore**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods is authorized to enter into a not for profit service contract with the Neighborhood Design Center, for the administration of a neighborhood beautification grant program.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$150,000.00 in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, to the Department of Neighborhoods per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** That this contract is awarded in accordance with the relevant provisions of City Code Chapter 329 relating to nonprofit service contracts.

**SECTION 4.** That the expenditure of \$150,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed is hereby authorized within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund 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 hereby deemed appropriated and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

**SECTION 5.** That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby 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.