



Legislation Text

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Background: This ordinance authorizes the Finance and Management Director to contract with the State of Ohio Collective for support of the Ohio Black Expo Week Events, which take place the week of May 26-29th, 2022. The Ohio Black Expo (OBE) in partnership with the Ohio NAACP Conference of Branches and the State of Ohio Collective will host the Ohio Black Expo Riverfront Culture Fest. This cultural celebration seeks to inspire thousands of Black citizens, families, entrepreneurs, and small businesses across the state who are seeking to celebrate Black culture. This innovative, one of a kind statewide gathering leverages multiple businesses, partnerships, seminars, and events to educate and inspire by showcasing Blackexcellence. It is through this effort and year-round programming that the partnership works to improve the quality of life for Ohio's citizens with several initiatives designed to address areas that are key to the success and well-being of African Americans in Ohio. OBE is statewide humanitarian organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for Ohio's African American citizens, by establishing and encouraging an independent self-help approach to problem solving.

Events will include; small business, wellness, veterans, and senior workshops and resources; the Riverfront Culture Fest (a multi-generational cultural celebration at Genoa Park); the State of Black Ohio (a series of racial equity focused panel discussions exploring solutions to crucial current issues in the areas of economic development, education, health, and housing); and the Youth & College Build Black Better Sessions (business sessions focused on black businesses, wealth, capacity building, and organizational sustainability).

The State of Ohio Collective implements strategies and plans to solve institutional, structural, and systematic racism across the State of Ohio. Their mission is to respond to the identified issues and problems of African Americans based on racism and to engage the resources necessary to provide answers and positive outcomes to those issues. This contract is awarded pursuant to provisions relating to non-profit services of City Code Chapter 329.30. These services cannot be provided by existing city employees because they are beyond the City's current staffing capacity to provide.

Stat of Ohio Collective. Inc. EIN# 85-2593162, CC#

Emergency Designation: Emergency action is requested due to the time sensitive deadlines of event sponsorship.

Fiscal Impact: This ordinance authorizes an expenditure of \$50,000.00 to the Ohio Black Expo for support of the Ohio Black Expo Week Events.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Finance and Management to contract with the State of Ohio Collective in support of the Ohio Black Expo Week Events, a celebration of Black Culture designed to inspire, educate, and showcase Blackexcellence; to authorize the transfer of \$25,000.00 from the Jobs Growth Fund to the General Fund; to authorize the transfer of \$25,000.00 within the General Fund; to authorize the expenditure of \$50,000.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$50,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus understands the positive cultural and economic impact that comes from supporting and encouraging educational, wellness, career pathways, business development and existential programs showcasing Black culture and the success and well-being of African Americans in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Business Expo OBE is a statewide humanitarian organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for Ohio's African American citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Black Expo series of events is a cultural celebration designed to inspire thousands of Black citizens, families, entrepreneurs, and small businesses across the state who are seeking to celebrate Black culture; and

WHEREAS, the city believes that an investment in support of the Ohio Black Expo will yield economic, cultural, and education benefits to the City of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio Collective is a non-profit organization that implements strategies and plans to solve institutional, structural, and systematic racism across the State of Ohio and whose mission is to respond to the identified issues and problems of African Americans based on racism and to engage the resources necessary to provide answers and positive outcomes to those issues; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded pursuant to provisions relating to non-profit services of City Code Chapter 329.30; and

WHEREAS, the services provided cannot be provided by existing city employees because these services are beyond the City's current staffing capacity to provide; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Finance and Management in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into contract to have funding available for necessary expenditures due to the time sensitivity of event sponsorship, thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Department of Finance and Management is hereby authorized to contract with the State of Ohio Collective in support of Ohio Black Expo, a celebration of Black Culture designed to inspire, educate, and showcase Blackexcellence.

SECTION 2. That the appropriation of \$25,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed in regard to the action authorized in Section 1, is hereby authorized within the Jobs Growth Fund, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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SECTION 3. That the transfer of \$25,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed in regard to the action authorized in Section 1, is hereby authorized from the Jobs Growth Fund to the General Fund, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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SECTION 4. That the appropriation of \$25,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed in regard to the action authorized in Section 1, is hereby authorized within the General Fund, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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SECTION 5. That the transfer of \$25,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed in regard to the action authorized in

Section 1, is hereby authorized within the General Fund, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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SECTION 6. That the expenditure of \$50,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed in regard to the action authorized in Section 1, is hereby authorized from the General Fund 1000 in object class 03 Contractual Services, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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SECTION 7. That the monies in the foregoing Sections shall be paid upon order of the Director of Finance and Management, and that no order shall be drawn or money paid except by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

SECTION 8. 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 9. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 10. That this contract is awarded in accordance with the relevant provisions of Columbus City Code Chapter 329.30 relating to awarding not-for-profit service contracts.

SECTION 11. 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 10 days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.