



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with the Franklin County Historical Society (a nonprofit organization), dba COSI, for the purpose of providing free admission to residents in response to extreme heat events.

This summer, as Columbus experienced a heat wave that left thousands of residents without power and the ability to cool their homes, COSI responded by opening its doors to the public free-of-charge, offering relief and the opportunity to engage residents in a world-class STEM experience at the same time. More than 4,700 residents visited COSI as part of the free opportunity. Columbus City Council wishes to support COSI for the costs incurred with the provision of grant funding.

Fiscal Impact: Funding to support the grant agreement is available within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund.

Emergency action is requested in order to immediately reimburse COSI for costs incurred in offering free admission to Columbus residents.

To authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with the Franklin County Historical Society, dba COSI, for the purpose of providing free admission to residents in response to extreme heat events; to authorize an expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$56,123.00)

WHEREAS, this summer Columbus residents experienced several extreme heat events, at least one of which resulted in mass power outages; and

WHEREAS, thousands of residents were left without the ability to cool their homes; and

WHEREAS, in response, COSI opened their doors to the public free-of-charge, offering an opportunity to more than 4,700 residents to stay cool while also engaging in a world-class STEM experience; and

WHEREAS, Columbus City Council wishes to support COSI for costs incurred for the event; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists such that it is necessary to authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with COSI to immediately reimburse the organization for costs recently incurred in offering free admission to Columbus residents during several extreme heat events, all for the immediate preservation of 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 City Clerk is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Franklin County Historical Society, dba COSI, for the purpose of providing free admission to residents in response to extreme heat events.

SECTION 2. That per the action authorized by Section 1 of this ordinance, the expenditure of \$56,123.00 is hereby authorized in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, per the codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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.