



## Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with The Center for Healthy Families in support of the organization's 2022 Collective Project for Black Girls & Young Women.

The Center for Healthy Families engages parenting teens and their children in opportunities to acquire self-sufficiency capabilities of health and well-being, positive networks, education and employment through a coordinated network of the most effective community services.

The 2022 Collective Project for Black Girls & Young Women will enroll up to 25 Black girls and young women (BG/YW), ages 11-24, from across Columbus, reflecting 20+ zip codes and diversity (e.g., socioeconomic LGBTQIA+, immigrants, refugees, physical/cognitive disabling conditions).

The 2022 Collective Project for Black Girls & Young Women will empower BG/YW to advocate for themselves, their peers, and their community. Outcomes will include increased self-awareness, skills, and aspirations. The program will provide safe, healthy experiences. Deliverables include:

1. Empowerment, social justice, and leadership workshops for engaging BG/YW in skill-/knowledge-building
2. Boot Camps on Financial, Social, and Human Capital for BG/YW life skills aligned with mental health, well-being, financial literacy, and workforce readiness
3. Philanthropy and grant-making training to use new skills and award nonprofits small grants and train on DEI
4. Advocating/raising awareness for issues of concern like child abuse prevention

To ensure a youth-led/centered project, a monthly Youth Advisory Council will plan "for girls, by girls" events, including events for BG/YW such as Paint Your Mind Self-Care Celebration and Back-to-School Pop-Up Shop.

**Fiscal Impact:** Funding is available within the Health Operating fund.

To authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with The Center for Healthy Families for expenses incurred between August 1, 2022 and July 31, 2023 in support of the organization's 2022 Collective Project for Black Girls & Young Women; to transfer appropriations within the Health Operating Fund; to authorize a transfer between funds; and to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund. (\$250,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, The Center for Healthy Families engages parenting teens and their children in opportunities to acquire self-sufficiency capabilities of health and well-being, positive networks, education and employment through a coordinated network of the most effective community services; and

**WHEREAS**, Black girls and young women are four times (20.3%) more likely to live below poverty versus white peers-5.9% (U.S. Census) and daily, they face intersecting challenges and institutional/system disparities, such as youth pregnancy, poverty, housing instability, racism, and sexism; and

**WHEREAS**, The 2022 Collective Project for Black Girls & Young Women will empower BG/YW to advocate for themselves, their peers, and their community; **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 Center for Healthy Families for expenses incurred between August 1, 2022 and July 31, 2023 in support of the organization's 2022 Collective Project for Black Girls & Young Women.

**SECTION 2.** That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to transfer appropriations within the Health Operating Fund, fund 2250, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$250,000.00 from the Health Operating fund, fund 2250, to the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$250,000.00 within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, to Columbus City Council in 03-Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 5.** That per the action authorized in Section 1 of this ordinance, the expenditure of \$250,000.00 in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, is hereby authorized per the accounting codes in the attachment to the ordinance.

**SECTION 6.** 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 7.** That this ordinance shall take effect at the earliest date allowable under law.