

Council Amendments To the 2016 Operating Budget

Columbus City Council will transfer the 2015 general fund carryover of \$506,000 to the Public Safety Initiatives Fund, Jobs Growth Fund, and the Neighborhood Initiatives Fund. By setting aside the additional available resources for neighborhood services, public safety, job creation efforts, or unanticipated expenses Council will be better prepared for any unforeseen financial challenges in the short- and mid-term. In addition, Council can use the funds throughout the year to fund priorities that align with purpose of the funds. Below is explanation of the funds and the amounts that will be transferred into each.

Neighborhood Initiatives Fund

Deposit from carryover: \$222,984

Through the Neighborhood Initiatives Fund, Columbus City Council supports programs and social service agencies that meet a wide range of needs in our community. Council priorities include programs designed to protect neighborhoods, strengthen educational opportunities, combat poverty and improve the quality of life for Columbus residents. Council also utilizes the fund to leverage other public and private investments in strong neighborhoods.

Public Safety Initiatives Fund

Deposit from carryover: \$141,508

Through the Public Safety Initiatives Fund, Columbus City Council supports programs that enhance community safety and support the men and women in our safety forces. The fund provides flexibility to make strategic investments to promote safe neighborhoods. Council focuses on opportunities to fund best practices to assist police and fire personnel with their mission of protecting Columbus residents and businesses.

Jobs Growth Fund

Deposit from carryover: \$141,508

Through the Jobs Growth Initiatives Fund, Columbus City Council actively seeks opportunities to grow small businesses, invest in workforce development, and implement best practices in economic development. These investments help grow employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for our residents. Council priorities include innovative business start-up projects, support for established small businesses, and efforts to promote Columbus as a world-class city to work, live and raise a family.