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This ordinance authorizes a grant agreement between Columbus City Council and Village Connections in support of their older resident programming.

Village Connections is a grassroots organization of neighbors helping neighbors to stay independent and active in their community as they age. Part of the national Village Movement, Village Connections is a membership organization that enables older adults to remain in charge of their lives.

Village Connection members are age 50+ and live in German Village, Merion Village, Schumacher Place, the Brewery District, and Downtown. Annual dues are \$500 for an individual and \$750 for a two-person household. Members have access to a wide range of services, including transportation, yard work, and home maintenance provided by a group of dedicated volunteers.

One of the greatest challenges is the lack of awareness in the community regarding the availability of services. Many older adults in the service area are not aware of Village Connections. In addition, there are significant financial barriers to membership. Funding will be used to reduce the cost of the first year's membership in half for new members. This funding would allow potential social members to experience the full benefits of a Village Connections membership, and will allow an additional 40 individuals to join Village Connections for just \$250 for one year.

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

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WHEREAS, Village Connections is an urban, community based non-profit organization that empowers members to lead an active and engaged lifestyle in their own homes as they age; and

WHEREAS, Village Connections mobilizes neighborhood volunteers who assist members with transportation and minor household chores and screens vendors who provide discounted home maintenance, home care, and other services; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of fostering an age-friendly Columbus, this Council deems it an effective use of funds to partner with Village Connections in an effort to increase enrollment in the program with a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the City to authorize City Council to enter into a grant agreement with Village Connections for the public health, safety and welfare; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That City Council is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Village Connections in support of their older resident supportive program.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor be and is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$10,000.00 in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, to Columbus City Council, in Object Class 03 - Contractual Services, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$10,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the actions authorized in SECTION 1, is hereby authorized in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, in Object Class 03 - Contractual Services, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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SECTION 4. 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 legislation.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest date allowed by law.