



Legislation Text

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Background

This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods to enter into grant agreements with Community of Caring Development Foundation and Remember Us Urban Scouts DBA Remember Us Urban Legends to administer programming in alignment with the One Linden Plan implementation to improve the quality of life for residents. This ordinance authorizes the encumbrance and expenditure of grant funding for programs that address the needs of residents and the purchase of food and/or beverage items at various outreach events, which serve the public for the purpose of community engagement to advance equity access to services. Food and/or beverage purchases will be subject to what is allowable in the respective grant agreements. Costs will not exceed \$15 per person and any purchase of alcohol is strictly prohibited.

This support is in accordance with the relevant provisions of City Code Chapter 329 that relate to not-for-profit service contracts. The services included in this agreement cannot be provided by existing city employees because these services are beyond the City's current responsibility and capacity to provide.

Emergency action is requested in order to avoid any delay in providing the resources necessary to support the community-based projects.

Fiscal Impact: Funding in the amount of \$58,297.50 is available in the General Fund.

Contract Compliance:

026987 Community of Caring Development Foundation and is valid 5/30/25

038915 Remember Us Urban Scouts and is valid 8/9/25

To authorize the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods to enter into grant agreements effective January 1, 2024 with Community of Caring Development Foundation and Remember Us Urban Scouts in support of the One Linden Plan implementation; to authorize the expenditure from the general fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$58,297.50)

WHEREAS, Community of Caring Development Foundation and Remember Us Urban Scouts are working in alignment with the One Linden Plan to improve the quality of life for residents.

WHEREAS, funding for programs will address the needs of residents and the purchase of food and/or beverage items at various outreach events, which serve the public for the purpose of community engagement to advance equity access to services. Food and/or beverage purchases will be subject to what is allowable in the respective grant agreements. Costs will not exceed \$15 per person and any purchase of alcohol is strictly prohibited.

WHEREAS, an emergency exists such that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods to enter into grant agreements with Community of Caring Development Foundation and Remember Us Urban Scouts to avoid any delay in providing the services and resources necessary to serve residents, 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 Director of the Department of Neighborhoods is hereby authorized to enter into grant agreements effective January 1, 2024 with the Community of Caring Development Foundation and Remember Us Urban Scouts in

support of projects that align with the One Linden Plan to improve the quality of life for residents.

SECTION 2. That per the action authorized in Section 1 of this ordinance, the expenditure of \$58,297.50, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That Columbus City Council deems the expenditure of food and non-alcoholic beverages to be a proper public purpose. Food and beverage related expenditures will be subject to what is allowable in the respective grant agreements and shall not exceed \$15 per person.

SECTION 4. That this contract is awarded in accordance with the relevant provisions of City Code Chapter 329 relating to nonprofit service contracts.

SECTION 5. 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 6. 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 and to make any accounting changes necessary to ensure that these contracts are properly accounted for and recorded accurately on the City's financial records.

SECTION 7. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure and shall take effect and be enforced from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.