



Legislation Text

File #: 1169-2024, **Version:** 1

Background: This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Civil Service Commission to enter into a grant agreement with the Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio (WDBCO), a not-for-profit organization, for the purposes of funding the 2024-2025 EDGE Program. The \$300,000.00 grant is allocated to support the City's partnership with WDBCO for the implementation of the 2024-2025 EDGE Program. The program will identify individuals, through WDBCO and their partnering agencies, to receive a myriad of programs and services including work experience opportunities, health assessment, and life and occupational skills training, etc. designed to assist participants with successfully transitioning back into the community and workforce. This partnership is necessary because the City does not offer many of the specialized services critical to the success of this program. The term of this grant agreement will be for a period of one (1) year from the date of execution by the City of Columbus through submission of an Agreement closeout report by the Grantee.

Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio (DAX #018152) (FID #81-1497840), CC# CC-018152 (not-for-profit), Expires: 4/15/2026

Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio is a not-for-profit company and does not hold MBE/FBE status.

The company is not debarred according to the Excluded Party Listing System of the Federal Government or prohibited from being awarded a contract according to the Auditor of State Unresolved Findings for Recovery Certified Search.

EMERGENCY JUSTIFICATION: This legislation is submitted as emergency to provide for continued, uninterrupted services.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes the Executive Director of the Civil Service Commission to enter into a grant agreement with the Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio (WDBCO) for the implementation of the 2024-2025 EDGE Program, and to expend \$300,000.00 which is budgeted and available within the Civil Service Commission's General Fund budget.

\$300,000.00 was spent in 2023

\$200,000.00 was spent in 2022

To authorize the Director of the Civil Service Commission to enter in a grant agreement with the Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio for the purpose of administering the 2024-2025 EDGE Program; to authorize the expenditure \$300,000.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$300,000.00)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Director of the Civil Service Commission to enter into a grant agreement with the Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio (WDBCO) for the implementation of the 2024-2025 EDGE Program; and

WHEREAS, the program will identify individuals, through WDBCO and their partnering agencies, to receive a myriad of programs and services including work experience opportunities, health assessment, and life and occupational skills training, etc. designed to assist participants with successfully transitioning back into the community and workforce, and

WHEREAS, this partnership is necessary because the City does not offer many of the specialized services critical to the success of this program, and

WHEREAS, the term of this grant agreement will be for a period of one (1) year from the date of execution by the City of Columbus through submission of an Agreement closeout report by the Grantee, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the expenditure of \$300,000.00 from the General Fund with the Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Civil Service Commission in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Executive Director to enter into said grant agreement with the Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio for the implementation of the 2024-2025 EDGE Program to provide for continued, uninterrupted services; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

SECTION 1. That the Executive Director of the Civil Service Commission be and is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio, 1650 Lake Shore Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43204, for an amount up to \$300,000.00, for the administration of the 2024-2025 EDGE Program.

SECTION 2. That for the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$300,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 1000 General Fund in object class 05 Other Expenses, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the monies in the foregoing Section 2 shall be paid upon order of the Executive Director of the Civil Service Commission and that no order shall be drawn or money paid except by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

SECTION 4. 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 5. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts and contract modifications associated with this legislation.

SECTION 6. That for the reasons state 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.