



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** This legislation authorizes the Director of Development to enter a grant agreement with Columbus Sister Cities International, Inc. (CSCI), a non-profit corporation, in an amount up to \$150,000.00 to administer the Columbus Sister Cities International Program for the purpose of promoting business, government, cultural, educational and environmental exchanges between the Columbus Sister Cities as well as long term economic development. Funding will be advanced to the agency on a predetermined schedule.

The ten Sister Cities are: Accra in Ghana, Ahmedabad in India, Curitiba in Brazil, Dresden in Germany, Genoa in Italy, Hefei in China, Herzliya in Israel, Odense in Denmark, Seville in Spain and Tainan in Taiwan. City funding has been provided in previous years to support staffing and administrative cost of CSCI. CSCI has worked diligently to raise capital for its overall operation. Additional support is required to maintain a full-time executive director and to defray miscellaneous administrative cost.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** \$150,000.00 is budgeted in the Economic Development Division's 2023 General Fund Budget, but will require a transfer from Object Class 03 to Object Class 05.

**CONTRACT COMPLIANCE:** The vendor number is 005482 and expires on 5/30/25.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with Columbus Sister Cities International, Inc. in an amount up to \$150,000.00 for the purpose of promoting business, government, cultural, educational and environmental exchanges between the Columbus Sister Cities; to authorize the transfer and expenditure of up to \$150,000.00 from the 2023 General Fund Operating Budget; and to authorize the advancement of funds on a predetermined schedule. (\$150,000.00)

**WHEREAS,** the Columbus Sister Cities International Program promotes business, government, cultural, educational, and environmental exchanges between the Sister Cities; and

**WHEREAS,** the ten Sister Cities are: Accra, Ghana; Ahmedabad, India; Curitiba, Brazil; Dresden, Germany; Genoa, Italy; Hefei, China; Herzliya, Israel; Odense, Denmark; Seville, Spain; Tainan, Taiwan; and

**WHEREAS,** the funding for this project will be used for administrative costs associated with the Columbus Sister Cities International Inc.'s Program; and

**WHEREAS,** funding will be advanced to the agency on a predetermined schedule; and

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Development desires to enter a grant agreement with Columbus Sister Cities International, Inc. for the purpose of continuing to promote long term economic development with the sister cities; **NOW THEREFORE,**

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

**Section 1.** That the Director of Development is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Columbus Sister Cities International, Inc. (CSCI) in an amount up to \$150,000.00 to administer the Columbus Sister Cities International Program for the purpose of promoting business, government, cultural, educational and environmental exchanges between the Columbus Sister Cities as well as long term economic development, and is authorized to advance funds per a schedule to be included in the agreement.

**Section 2.** That the transfer of \$150,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized within Fund 1000 (General Fund), from Dept-Div 44-02 (Economic Development), object class 03 (Services) to Dept-Div 44-02 (Economic Development), object class 05 (Other Expenditures) per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**Section 3.** That for the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$150,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 1000 (General Fund), Dept. 44-02 (Economic Development), in Object Class 05 (Other Expenditures) per the accounting codes in the attached to this ordinance.

**Section 4.** That this grant agreement is awarded in accordance with the relevant provisions of City Code related to awarding grant agreements.

**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 contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

**Section 6.** That the ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.