



## Legislation Text

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### Explanation

**BACKGROUND:** There is a need to transfer and appropriate funds to provide 2023-2024 funding for the Area Commissions. Historically, the City has provided funds to the Area Commissions, who, through their daily operational functions, incur eligible expenses that require expenditures during the program year. These funds allow each Area Commission the flexibility and individuality in decision making as they fulfill their functions and responsibilities as outlined in their bylaws and the Columbus City Codes. Each Area Commission will receive access to funding of up to \$2,500.00 in 2023.

This legislation will also authorize and request the City Auditor's Office to establish a new subfund within Fund 2221 for combined expenses as they relate to the Area Commissions Operations.

Emergency action is requested so that funds can be made available to the Area Commissions immediately, thereby avoiding interruptions in services in the summer months.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This legislation authorizes the transfer of \$52,500 from the Department of Neighborhoods General Fund Budget to the Area Commission Fund; and appropriates \$52,500 within that fund for the operating expenses of each of the Area Commissions.

To authorize and direct the City Auditor to transfer \$52,500.00 from the Department of Neighborhoods General Fund to the Area Commission Fund; to authorize and direct the City Auditor to appropriate \$52,500.00 within the Area Commission Fund for operating expenses of the Area Commissions; to authorize the City Auditor to establish a new subfund within the Area Commissions Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$52,500.00)

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to transfer funds from the Department of Neighborhoods General Fund to the Area Commission Fund for the 2023-2024 funding of Area Commissions; and

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to authorize the appropriation of funds within the Area Commission Fund for the 2023-2024 funding of Area Commissions; and

**WHEREAS,** historically, the City has made funds available to the Area Commissions who, through their daily operational functions, incur eligible expenses that require cash expenditures during the program year; and

**WHEREAS,** these funds allow each Area Commission the flexibility and individuality in decision making as they fulfill their functions and responsibilities as outlined in their bylaws and Columbus City Codes; and

**WHEREAS,** each Area Commission will receive access to up to \$2,500.00 in 2023; and

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to establish a new subfund within the Area Commission Fund 2221 for the combined expenses as they relate to the Area Commissions Operation; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Neighborhoods in that it is

immediately necessary to authorize the appropriation of said funds to avoid interruptions in services in the summer months, all for the preservation of the public health, peace, safety, and welfare; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the transfer of \$52,500.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized between the Department of Neighborhoods General Budget, Fund 1000, and Fund 2221, per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 2.** That from the unappropriated monies and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, the sum of \$52,500 is appropriated in Fund 2221 Area Commission Fund in Object Class 03 Contractual Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** 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 and new subfund number as necessary.

**SECTION 4.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to establish a new subfund within Fund 2221 Area Commission Fund for the combined expenses as they relate to the Area Commissions Operation.

**SECTION 5.** That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.