



## Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with the African American Male Wellness Walk in support of their annual African American Male Wellness Walk event.

The annual walk event will happen on Saturday, August 10, 2024 and will celebrate 21 years of walks with a mission to save Black Men's lives. Over the years, the African American Male Wellness Walk has transitioned the walk event to be a fitness component to a Clinic to Community model which is the overarching foundation that provides health screenings and access to quality health care to improve the quality of life and increase life expectancy of the Black male and his family. This year the organization celebrates the impact that walk events and programs have provided for over 100,000 families and will be adding the Uplift Her Women's Pavilion along with an enhanced Calling all Dads and Real Men Real Talk Pavilion. These additions will be incorporated to enhance a holistic approach to serve the whole family in Columbus communities, and will require additional staff, screening supplies, interactive & innovative activities, multi-generational & culturally sensitive education materials, and increased permit costs to close additional streets to accommodate these additions.

Emergency action is necessary so that grant proceeds can be provided as soon as possible as event preparation has commenced.

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

To authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with the African American Male Wellness Walk in support of their annual African American Male Wellness Walk event; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$50,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, the African American Wellness Walk is an annual event which will occur on Saturday, August 10, 2024 and will celebrate 21 years of walks with a mission to save Black Men's lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the African American Male Wellness Agency has transitioned the walk event to be a fitness component to a Clinic to Community model which is the overarching foundation that provides health screenings and access to quality health care to improve the quality of life and increase life expectancy of the Black male and his family; and

**WHEREAS**, this year the organization celebrates the impact that walk events and programs have provided for over 100,000 families and will be adding the Uplift Her Women's Pavilion along with an enhanced Calling all Dads and Real Men Real Talk Pavilion; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Clerk's Office in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Clerk enter into a grant agreement with the African American Male Wellness Walk in support of their annual African American Male Wellness Walk event to allow for event preparation to continue without interruption as event preparation has commenced for the August 10, 2024 event, all for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; and **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

**SECTION 1.** That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the African American Male Wellness Walk in support of the African American Male Wellness Walk.

**SECTION 2.** That the appropriation and expenditure of \$50,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the action authorized in SECTION 1, is authorized in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, 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 deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

**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 ordinance.

**SECTION 5.** That for the reason stated 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.