



## Legislation Text

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### Background

This legislation authorizes the transfer of \$220,835.00 in Fund 2207 from the Department of Development to the Department of Neighborhoods; authorizes the City Auditor to establish a certificate in the amount of \$220,835.00 for grant awards to Columbus area 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations to administer summer youth employment opportunities connecting low-income city youth between the ages of 14 and 24 with career exploration and paid work experience; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$220,835.00 from CARES Act fund; to declare an emergency. (220,835.00)

In 2014 President Obama called on cities, non-profits, and the private sector to collaborate and close opportunity gaps for boys and young men of color (B&YMOC). Columbus was one of the first cities to answer this call. The city and partner organizations brought together more than 500 B&YMOC to ensure that Columbus' My Brother's Keeper (MBK) work was grounded in testimony from the target population. Numerous non-profit service providers, schools, and companies have created programs to serve vulnerable youth of color since the launch of the national MBK initiative. Due to the effects of COVID-19, the City of Columbus recognizes many organizations providing summer employment opportunities may not have the capacity to do so in 2020. Through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) fund, up to \$220,835.00 is allocated to distribute to qualified Columbus area nonprofit agencies. Grants will be awarded to the Columbus Urban League, IMPACT and Legacy U. The nonprofit organizations serve low-income city boys and young men of color between the ages of 14-24 to help ease the challenges families face due to the current public health emergency. Importantly, all expenses must be eligible under the United States Treasury CARES Act guidelines. Expenses must be necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) between March 1, 2020 and November 30, 2020.

The services included in this contract cannot be provided by existing city employees because these services are beyond the City's current responsibility and capacity to provide.

**Emergency Designation:** Emergency action is requested to ensure that students can benefit from summer employment opportunities.

**Fiscal Impact:** Funding is provided to the City of Columbus from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act passed by Congress and signed into law March 27, 2020.

**CONTRACT COMPLIANCE:** the vendor's vendor number are  
Columbus Urban League 006073 and is valid from 4/20/2020-4/20/2022  
IMPACT Community 001447 and is valid 12/16/2019 - 12/16/21  
Legacy U 032877 - **pending**

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**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in the lack of summer employment opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, The Mayor and City Council are committed to the mission and work of the My Brother's Keeper; and,

**WHEREAS**, expenditure of CARES Act funding is necessary to address unforeseen needs within the population of boys and young men of color caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency; and,

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of City Council in that it is immediately necessary to authorize a grants to non-profit agreement with the Columbus Urban League to allow it to begin providing additional COVID-19 specific services to its members and the nonprofit sector; and,

**WHEREAS**, such expenditure of funds has not been previously accounted for in the 2020 Budget;

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the transfer of \$220,835.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized within Fund 2207 (CARES Act Fund), from Dept-Div 44-02, object class 03 (Services) to Dept-Div 48-01, object class 03 (Services) per the account codes in the attachment to this Ordinance.

**SECTION 2:** That the Director of Neighborhoods is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Columbus Urban League to allow it to begin providing additional COVID-19 specific services to its members and the nonprofit sector in an amount up to \$220,835.00 effective March 1, 2020.

**SECTION 3:** That the expenditure of \$220,835.00 or so much thereof as may be needed is hereby authorized in Fund 2207 (CARES Act Fund), Dept-Div 48-01, in object class 03 (Services) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**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 or contract modifications associated with this legislation.

**SECTION 6:** That this agreement is awarded pursuant to the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of City Code relating to the process for awarding not-for-profit service agreements.

**SECTION 7:** That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is 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.