



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes a grant agreement between Columbus City Council and Boy Scouts of America, Simon Kenton Council, in support of their refugee and immigrant outreach and recruitment efforts.

The Boy Scouts of America, in partnership with My Project USA, look to bring the Scouting program to the refugee/immigrant population on the west side of Columbus, with future expansion to other areas of the city. The goal of this program partnership is to bring a positive American tradition into these communities and provide safe, structured programming to young males who could otherwise be at risk of exposure to the negative influences of drug use, trafficking, and radicalization. The Scouting program is designed to not only impact that child, but the entire family, providing citizenship education, community service opportunities, life skills, and a sense of belonging in a structured environment. The Boy Scouts will start three Cub Scout Packs initially, serving the neighborhoods of Wedgewood, South Park, and River Point. This could impact upwards of 100 youth immediately, while also allowing local adults to take on leadership roles that will help develop their own interpersonal skills.

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

To authorize Columbus City Council to enter into a grant agreement with Boy Scouts of America, Simon Kenton Council, in support of their refugee and immigrant outreach and recruitment efforts; and to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund. (\$25,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, for over 100 years, the Boy Scouts of America have provided programming to boys that instills independence, promotes citizenship, offers community service opportunities, and provides a sense of belonging in a structured environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Simon Kenton Council, one of the largest Boy Scouts councils in the nation, delivers the Scouting program to more than 18,000 youths in 18 counties throughout Ohio and northern Kentucky; and

**WHEREAS**, the Simon Kenton Council plans to offer the Scouting experience to youths living among the refugee and immigrant communities in central Ohio through the creation of three new Cub Scout Packs serving the neighborhoods of Wedgewood, South Park, and River Point; and

**WHEREAS**, in alignment with the goal to provide additional recreational and structured programming opportunities to youths, this Council deems it an effective use of funds to support the Simon Kenton Council in their efforts to expand Scouting to underserved neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the City to authorize City Council to enter into a grant agreement with Boy Scouts of America, Simon Kenton Council, in support of their refugee and immigrant outreach and recruitment efforts; now, therefore,

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

**SECTION 1.** That City Council is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Boy Scouts of America, Simon Kenton Council, in support of their refugee and immigrant outreach and recruitment efforts.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$25,000.00 in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, to Columbus City Council, in Object Class 03 - Contractual Services, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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**SECTION 3.** That the expenditure of \$25,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the actions authorized in SECTION 1, is hereby authorized in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, in Object Class 03 - Contractual Services, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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**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 legislation.

**SECTION 5.** That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.