



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with the Education Foundation for Freedom in support of the Columbus Women & Girls' Fest mentorship programming.

Central to the Columbus Women & Girls' Fest in 2022 is an effort to empower young voices through an eight-week mentorship program culminating in the Women & Girls' Fest event itself. The first cohort is composed of 25 youth between the ages of 8 and 18. These youth are paired with professional mentor artists and educators who provide two-hour coaching sessions each week to cultivate performance practices, self-development, and leadership skills.

The mission of this work is to elevate women of color in the arts through performing arts, culture, education, and entrepreneurship. Participants will organize a specifically crafted showcase demonstrating their progress for the Women & Girls' Fest. The mentorship and other development opportunities will also help young women to see themselves as future artists and to see the arts as a viable, self-sustaining profession through entrepreneurship.

Emergency Designation: Emergency action is requested to allow sufficient time for the organization to receive funding in advance of the Fest event and before the close of the mentoring program.

Fiscal Impact: Funding is available within the Reimagine Safety subfund and in the Jobs Growth subfund.

To authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with the Education Foundation for Freedom in support of the Columbus Women & Girls' Fest; to authorize an appropriation and transfer within the Reimagine Safety subfund; to authorize a transfer to and appropriation and expenditure within the Jobs Growth subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$35,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Education Foundation for Freedom seeks to promote women and girls of color in the arts; and

WHEREAS, the arts as an industry are dominated by white males, leading to a disproportionately low rate of leadership and development opportunities for women of color; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Women & Girls' Fest mentorship initiative will promote strong performance practices, self-development, and entrepreneurship as a path to a sustainable professional career in the arts; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the office of the city clerk in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the City Clerk to enter into this grant agreement to disburse funds in a timely manner for the Columbus Women & Girls' Fest programming; **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 Education Foundation for Freedom in support of the mentorship programming elements of the Columbus Women & Girls' Fest.

SECTION 2. That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$10,000.00 to the City Clerk within the Reimagine Safety fund in object class 10-Transfers, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$10,000.00 from the Reimagine Safety subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100019, to the Jobs Growth fund, fund 1000, subfund 100015, per the accounting codes in

the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$35,000.00 within the Jobs Growth subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100015, in 03-Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 5. That per the action authorized in SECTION 1 of this ordinance, the expenditure of \$35,000.00 is hereby authorized.

SECTION 6. 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 7. That for the reasons 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.