



## Legislation Text

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The Neighborhood Best Practices Conference goals are to strengthen, promote productive communication and collaboration between neighborhood groups, community partners and local government. It is also an opportunity for community leaders of various backgrounds to discuss neighborhood best practices, current trends and most critically, to network with other neighborhoods. Council amended the 2013 budget for and deems this project an appropriate use of \$10,000.00 in General Fund monies.

To authorize the appropriation of \$10,000.00 within the Neighborhood Initiatives Fund for the Community Relations Commission Fund for the Neighborhood Best Practices Conference; to authorize and direct the Director of the Community Relations Commission to enter into any contracts necessary to host the Neighborhood Best Practices Conference; and to declare an emergency. (\$10,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, The Community Relations Commission has co-hosted with the United Way the Neighborhood Best Practices Conference for the past 3 years; and

**WHEREAS**, The conference is designed to bring community groups along with city, state, and county agencies to talk about “Best Practices” in their community addressing issues; and

**WHEREAS**, This conference not only addresses issues but enables community members from all over the city to network and build long lasting relationships empowering each other to continue making positive change in their neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council amended the 2013 budget to further emphasize the importance of making strategic investments in neighborhoods, and Council deems this project an appropriate use of \$10,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in that it is immediately necessary to appropriate and expend funds to support the efforts of the Community Relations Commission, and for the preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; now therefore,

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

**Section 1.** That the City Auditor be and is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$10,000.00 in the Neighborhood Initiatives Fund to the Community Relations Commission, Division No. 40-02, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337, OCA Code 402018.

**Section 2.** That the Director of the Community Relations Commission be and hereby is authorized and directed to expend the funds appropriated herein to implement the Neighborhood Best Practices Conference; and to enter into any contracts necessary to effect the purpose of this ordinance.

**Section 3.** 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 passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.