



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods to accept a grant from Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services to help coordinate efforts for the My Brother's Keeper (MBK) program which includes but not is limited to entering to grant agreements with the non-profit organizations; Columbus Urban League, Community Refugee and Immigration Services, and African American Male Wellness Walk.

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.

Emergency Action is requested in order to receive the funds as soon as possible to continue My Brother's Keeper programming.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a grant with Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services, the appropriation of \$100,000.00 within the General Governments Grant Fund; and the expenditure of \$75,000.00 (\$25,000.00 per grantee) to be awarded to the following 2021 MBK grant recipients: the Columbus Urban League, Community Refugee and Immigration Services, and African American Male Wellness Walk based on the agreement with Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services for the financial support of My Brother's Keeper.

To authorize and direct the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods to accept a grant from Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services in the amount of \$100,000.00 to help coordinate efforts for the My Brother's Keeper (MBK) program; to authorize the appropriation of \$100,000.00 within the General Governments Grant Fund; to authorize the Director to enter into grant agreements for an expenditure of up to \$75,000.00 (\$25,000.00 per grantee) with the following 2021 MBK grant recipients: the Columbus Urban League, Community Refugee and Immigration Services, and African American Male Wellness Walk; and to declare an emergency. (\$75,000.00).

WHEREAS, Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services has awarded the City of Columbus, Department of Neighborhoods, a grant in the amount of \$100,000 to help coordinate efforts for the My Brother's Keeper(MBK) program.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize and direct the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods to accept this grant with Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services will offer resource support for the MBK Conference (i.e. share with partners, extend partner support of even (s); and

WHEREAS, Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services will support the MBK Summit, Conference and Job Fair with financial resources not to exceed \$25,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services will provide matching funds for the 2021 MBK grant recipients not to exceed \$75,000.00 (\$25,000 per grantee) to the Columbus Urban League, Community Refugee and Immigration Services and African American Male Wellness Walk; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appropriate \$100,000.00 within the General Governments Grant Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the expenditure of \$75,000.00 (\$25,000.00 per grantee) for grant agreement with the Columbus Urban League, Community Refugee and Immigration Services, and African American Male Wellness Walk; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of The Department of Neighborhoods in that it is immediately necessary authorize the Director to accept the grant from Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services, and for the City Auditor to appropriate said grant funds, making them available to comply with the terms of the grant and so that funds are available for the My Brother's Keeper initiative, thereby preserving the public peace, property, health, safety, and welfare; **now, therefore:**

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of The Department of Neighborhoods is hereby authorized to accept a grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 from Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services.

SECTION 2. That from the unappropriated monies in the General Governments Grant Fund and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the grant period ending December 31, 2021 the sum of \$100,000.00 and any eligible interest earned during the grant period is hereby appropriated within fund 2220, Department of Neighborhoods Grant Fund per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the Director of Neighborhoods is hereby authorized to enter into grant agreements with the following non-profit organizations to provide funds for the 2021 MBK grant recipients.

African American Male Wellness \$25,000.00
Community for New Directions \$25,000.00
Columbus Urban League \$25,000.00

SECTION 4. That the monies in the foregoing Section 2 shall be paid upon order of the Director of Department of Neighborhoods, and that no order shall be drawn or money paid except by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City.

SECTION 5. At the end of the grant period, any repayment of unencumbered balances required by the grantor is hereby authorized and any unused City match monies may be transferred back to the City fund from which they originated in accordance with all applicable grant agreements.

SECTION 6. 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 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.