



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with The Masters Preparatory Academy, a non profit entity, for the support of The Ubuntu Leadership Institute.

The Masters Preparatory Academy is an all-male, grade 7-12, boarding school. The mission of the school is resilience and forming personalized learning communities that provide a high quality, comprehensive, and relevant education for urban males by increasing their educational support and the social, emotional, and academic development of each student.

The Ubuntu Leadership Institute (ULI) is an intensive six-week educational, leadership, and workforce development program established through a partnership between Masters Preparatory Academy's Ubuntu Program, and two significant resources at Ohio State University: The College of Education & Human Ecology and The Todd Bell National Resource Center on the African American Male. The main objective of the Institute is to offer 75-100 rising ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade African American young men from throughout Central Ohio, in collaboration with ADAMH, United Way Central Ohio, Columbus City Schools, The Ohio Collective, NAACP, and Columbus Recreation & Parks with an intensive, in-person/virtual hybrid summer experience. Programming is designed to immerse students in an environment that will enhance their leadership skills, character development, problem-solving, critical thinking, and equip them to become positive change agents for their communities and families.

The Ubuntu Leadership Institute provides students, their families, and communities access to practical but extremely high-level exposure with an educational experience that includes personal and professional development through the following:

- Self-Assessments & Emotional Intelligence
- Leadership, Mentorship, Motivation, and Relationship Building
- Communication, Negotiation, Problem Solving Skills
- Data, Research, and Continuous Improvement for Lean Management
- Statewide Civic Engagement Project with the NAACP, Civic Engagement
- Financial Literacy, Health & Wellness
- Small Business Development and Internship Opportunities
- Job Readiness Training, National Museums, and Higher EDU. Virtual Tours
- Judicial, Legal, and Education on Civil Rights

Emergency action is necessary to ensure timely funding to the Masters Preparatory Academy to proceed with the administration, planning, and execution of the Ubuntu Leadership Institute.

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

To authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with The Masters Preparatory Academy for the support of The Ubuntu Leadership Institute; and to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$250,000.00)

WHEREAS, The Masters Preparatory Academy provides a high quality, comprehensive, and relevant education for urban males by increasing their educational support and the social, emotional, and academic development of each student; and

WHEREAS, The Ubuntu Leadership Institute (ULI) is designed to immerse students in an environment that will enhance their leadership skills, character development, problem-solving, critical thinking, and equip them to become positive

change agents for their communities and families; and

WHEREAS, The ULI will provide students, their families, and communities access to practical but extremely high-level exposure with an educational experience that includes personal and professional development; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Clerk's Office in that it is immediately necessary to authorize a grant agreement with the Ubuntu Leadership Institute to increase the students' education, safety, and workforce development skills, thereby preserving 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 Clerk is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Masters Preparatory Academy, for support of the Ubuntu Leadership Institute.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$250,000.00 in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, to Columbus City Council per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$250,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the action authorized in SECTION 1, is hereby authorized in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, 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 ordinance.

SECTION 6. That for the reason 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.