



## Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Your Life Has Possibilities, a non-profit entity, for the support of the Stop the Summer Slide Summer Camp.

Stop the Summer Slide Summer Camp is an academic camp that focuses on the Common Core Reading standards for grades K-5; which helps students to continue their learning over the summer. By implementing this summer camp in 2022, Your Life Has Possibilities was able to prevent their students from losing 39% of what they learned during the academic school year over the summer. The effects of summer learning differences are a primary cause of widening achievement gaps between students of lower and higher socioeconomic levels. The camp will help the students beat the odds, by gaining cumulative summer learning gains. The students will learn various reading strategies through the following curriculum: Leveled Literacy Intervention, supplemented with Scholastics reading bags for non-fiction, and technology-based reading using Raz Kids. Students attended the following field trips: Columbus Zoo, Slate Run Farm, COSI, Columbus Art Museum, and Innis Woods Parks. Camp participants receive support from the following: Girl Scouts, St. Vincent's Social Skills training, Columbus Public Health Y.E.S. Program, Taekwondo, art class, and computer class.

The Stop the Summer Slide Summer Camp has the following goals for all camp participants:

- Students in grades K-3 were exposed to academic learning through instruction in the areas of reading, math, science, and social studies; literacy is in all content areas of learning.
- Students in grades 1-5 experienced extended learning opportunities through field trips.
- Students in grades 1-5 explore math and science through cross-curricular lessons.

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

To authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Your Life Has Possibilities for the support of the Stop the Summer Slide Summer Camp; and to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund. (\$50,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, the effects of summer learning differences are a primary cause of widening achievement gaps between students of lower and higher socioeconomic levels; and

**WHEREAS**, is an academic camp that focuses on the Common Core Reading standards for grades K-5; and

**WHEREAS**, Stop the Summer Slide Summer Camp was able to prevent their students from losing 39% of what they learned during the academic school year over the summer in 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the City Clerk's Office to authorize the Clerk to enter into a contract with Your Life Has Possibilities to increase the students' reading standards; **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 Your Life Has Possibilities for support of the Stop the Summer Slide Summer Camp.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$50,000.00 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 \$50,000.00 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 this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.