



City of Columbus

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Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with the non-profit Reeb Avenue Center in support of its operational needs at the Reeb Avenue facility.

The Reeb Avenue Center strives to connect neighbors with services they need to transform their lives by providing access to wraparound, long-term case management services for neighbors that focuses on intentional and holistic connections to tools, resources, and services necessary for economic and social stabilization.

The Reeb Avenue Center is facing immediate operational needs that it needs to address in order to sustain services for residents. Specifically, this funding will support the Center's security equipment and software upgrades and repairs and maintenance that are its responsibility under its lease agreement.

Funding is crucial for enhancing safety through security equipment and software upgrades. These upgrades to the security system are imperative for reducing security incidents at the facility, which welcomes hundreds of clients daily, including children at the Sprout Five daycare and Boys and Girls Club.

Funding is also necessary for repair of flooring, counters, cabinetry, interior doors, etc. and routine maintenance and inspections of HVAC, fire, and life safety systems that are necessary to keep the facility operating safely.

Measured by a reduction in safety incidents and improved client feedback, these improvements are essential for the continued success in serving the community.

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

Emergency action is requested in order to allow Reeb Avenue Center to make the necessary repairs and security system upgrades without delay.

To authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with the Reeb Avenue Center in support of operational needs at the Reeb Avenue facility; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$50,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Reeb Center strives to connect neighbors with services they need to transform their lives; and

WHEREAS, the Reeb Center is facing immediate operational needs in order to sustain services for residents; and

WHEREAS, this funding will support the agency's security equipment and software upgrades, and facility and maintenance repairs; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement in order to allow Reeb Center to make the necessary repairs and upgrades to the Center's security equipment, this immediate funding is crucial for enhancing safety at the location which welcomes hundreds of clients daily, including children at the Sprout Five daycare and Boys and Girls Club, all for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; and **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 Reeb Avenue Center in support of operational needs at the Reeb Avenue facility.

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, 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 of this ordinance 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 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.