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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This ordinance funds a truancy program in partnership with the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) of Central Ohio, a non-profit organization located on West Long Street in Downtown Columbus. Since 2001, the YMCA, the Columbus Police Department and the Columbus City Schools have partnered to provide positive alternatives and safe environments to students who have been suspended or are truant from schools. Police officers will transport youth who are truant from school during the day to the YMCA of Central Ohio who will supervise them until their parent or guardian can pick them up. Staff members at the YMCA will work with the family when they arrive to help identify and resolve any issues that may be present and review the truancy law and its implications to both youth and parents.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes the expenditure of \$50,000.00 from the Seizure Funds and \$75,000.00 from the General Fund for this contract with the YMCA of Central Ohio. The YMCA received \$125,000.00 from the City in 2013, 2014 and 2015 and \$50,000.00 in 2012.

Emergency legislation is requested so that the program can be in place during the current school year.

To authorize and direct the Public Safety Director to enter into contract with the YMCA of Central Ohio to provide a safe and supervised environment where Columbus Police Officers can drop off students that are truant from Columbus schools; to authorize a total expenditure of \$125,000.00 from the Law Enforcement Seizure Funds and the General Fund, and to declare an emergency (\$125,000.00).

WHEREAS, the YMCA of Central Ohio, a non-profit group, has partnered with the City to establish a truancy program that serves as early intervention and also provides a safe and supervised environment for youth who are brought to the downtown location; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish a contract with the YMCA for \$125,000.00 to partner with the City to continue the program over the 2016 school year; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Public Safety Department in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract, in order to partner, with the YMCA to operate a truancy program to ensure that law enforcement have a safe and supervised location to drop off truants, and for the immediate 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 Director of Public Safety is hereby authorized to enter into contract with the YMCA of Central Ohio, a non-profit group, for \$125,000.00 in a partnership to run a truancy intervention program.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$125,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized from the General Fund 1000-100010 and Drug Seizure Fund 2219-221901 in object Class 03 per the accounting codes in the spreadsheet attached to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That this contract is awarded pursuant to the relevant Sections of Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Codes related to not-for-profit service contracts.

SECTION 4. That for 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 or vetoes the same.