



Legislation Text

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The purpose of this ordinance is to allow the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Your Life Has Possibilities in 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, and see 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 are 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 experience extended learning opportunities through field trips.
- Students in grades 1-5 explore math and science through cross-curricular lessons.

FISCAL IMPACT: The funding of \$80,500.00 is available within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund.

EMERGENCY ACTION is requested in order to immediately disburse funds in time for the summer months in order to make literacy and learning gains for students in Columbus.

To authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Your Life Has Possibilities in support of the Stop the Summer Slide Summer Camp; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$80,500.00)

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, Stop the Summer Slide Summer Camp 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, Columbus City Council is proposing funding for this summer's camp in order to continue the work; and

WHEREAS, the funding of \$80,500.00 is available within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City Clerk's Office in that it is immediately necessary for the Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Your Life Has Possibilities to protect existing and continue to gain literacy and learning for student in Columbus throughout the summer months, 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 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 \$80,500.00 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 \$80,500.00 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 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.