



Legislation Text

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Background

This ordinance authorizes and directs the City Auditor to transfer and appropriate \$222,830.00 from the Department of Finance and Management General Fund 1000 to the Department of Neighborhoods General Fund 1000 and authorizes the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods to enter into grant agreements with Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services and J Jireh Ministries Church, Inc. for the purposes of providing summer youth employment and programming. This ordinance authorizes an expenditure from the general fund. Grant funding for programming include the purchase of food and/or beverage items, which serve the public for the purpose of administering summer youth employment and programming. Food and/or beverage purchases will be subject to what is allowable in the respective grant agreements. Costs will not exceed \$15 per person and any purchase of alcohol is strictly prohibited.

The City of Columbus intends to provide young people with safe opportunities to learn, grow, and form healthy, positive relationships which can reduce the likelihood of their involvement in and/or being impacted by crime, violence, and other unsafe behaviors. As such, the City is keenly focused on supporting summer programs that are most likely to serve vulnerable, at-risk, and/or underserved youth who are disproportionately impacted by crime, violence, and related challenges as well as young people who are not often afforded opportunities to participate in high-quality programming.

The services included in agreement cannot be provided by existing city employees because these services are beyond the City's current responsibility and capacity to provide.

Emergency Designation: Emergency action is requested to ensure that students can benefit from summer employment and programming opportunities.

Fiscal Impact: This ordinance authorizes the transfer, appropriation and expenditure of \$222,830.00 within the General Fund.

Contract Compliance:

J Jireh Ministries Church, Inc. CC042657 is valid thru 5/14/26

Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services is valid thru 5/22/26

To authorize the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods to enter into grant agreement with Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services and J Jireh Ministries Church, Inc. in support of summer youth employment and programs; to authorize a transfer within and expenditure from the General Fund for programming; to authorize the payment for reasonable food and non-alcoholic beverages for participants of programs; and to declare an emergency. (\$222,830.00)

WHEREAS, The Mayor and City Council are committed to creating safe opportunities for youth to learn, grow, and form healthy positive relationships over the summer; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding of \$222,830.00 by passage of this ordinance will be used to support not-for-profit agencies to provide summer youth employment and programming; and

WHEREAS, such expenditure of funds is accounted for within the 2024 Budget; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Neighborhoods in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into grant agreements to allow the agency to immediately provide summer employment opportunities, 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 Director of the Department of Neighborhoods is authorized to enter into non-profit grant agreements effective May 6, 2024, with the agencies below to support summer youth initiatives including the purchase of food and/or beverage items, which serve the public for the purpose of administering summer youth employment and programming:

J Jireh Ministries Church, Inc. \$97,830.00
Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services \$125,000.00

SECTION 2. That the transfer and appropriation of \$222,830.00, or so much thereof as may be needed is hereby authorized within the General Fund 1000, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3: That the expenditure of \$222,830.00 or so much thereof as may be needed is authorized in Fund 1000, Dept -Div 48-01, in object class 05 (Grants) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance. From such expenditure, reasonable food and non-alcoholic beverage costs for program participants, not to exceed \$15.00 per person, are hereby authorized. City Council finds and declares such food and non-alcoholic beverage expenditures to be for a proper public purpose. In no case, however, may such food and non-alcoholic beverage expenditures be reimbursed prior to the effective date of this ordinance.

SECTION 4: That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are 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 legislation.

SECTION 6: That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is 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.