



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the City Clerk on behalf of Columbus City Council to enter into a contract with Cohear Public Benefit LLC to provide facilitation services for the Council Restored Citizens Town Hall.

At any given time there are approximately 50,000 individuals incarcerated at Ohio's state correctional institutions. An average of 20,000 individuals are released from incarceration annually into Ohio's communities. The focus of the Restored Citizens Town Hall is to bring together members of the restored community, as well as service providers, to identify ways that the city can better support our restored residents.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION: Emergency action is requested in order to remain within the proposed timeline for execution of the event in April.

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

To authorize the City Clerk on behalf of Columbus City Council to enter into a contract with Cohear Public Benefit LLC to provide facilitation services for the Council Restored Citizens Town Hall; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$13,500.00)

WHEREAS, at any given time there are approximately 50,000 individuals incarcerated at Ohio's state correctional institutions; and

WHEREAS, an average of 20,000 individuals are released from incarceration annually into Ohio's communities; and

WHEREAS, restored citizens have unique needs; and

WHEREAS, the focus of the town hall is to bring together members of the restored community as well as service providers to identify ways that the city can better support our restored residents; and

WHEREAS, Cohear Public Benefit LLC is a trusted community partner; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the City Clerk on behalf of Columbus City Council to enter into a contract with Cohear Public Benefit LLC to provide facilitation services in order to remain within the proposed timeline for execution of the event in April, 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 on behalf of Columbus City Council is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Cohear Public Benefit LLC to provide facilitation services for the Council Restored Citizens Town Hall.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$13,500.00 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 \$13,500.00 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the actions 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 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 5. 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.