



Legislation Text

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Background

This legislation authorizes the transfer and expenditure of \$150,000.00 from and within Fund 2207 from the Department of Development to the Department of Neighborhoods; and authorizes the Director of Neighborhoods to enter into an agreement with the Columbus Urban League in an amount up to \$150,000.00 to add needed capacity to Columbus Urban League's COVID-19 specific services to boys and young men in color through the IAMBK initiative.

The COVID-19 pandemic is causing unforeseen challenges related to e-learning, the need for social emotional learning, physical fitness and soft skills development. Providing these services will allow IAMBK to make a more equitable impact on the lives of boys and young men of color. Funding will allow Columbus Urban League through the IAMBK initiative to continue assisting boys and young men of color.

The Columbus Urban League (CUL) is a community-based, non-profit, advocacy organization. Founded in 1918, the CUL is an affiliate of the National Urban League. Ranked in the top 5% of the 88-affiliate network of the Urban League movement nationally, Columbus Urban League is one of the oldest organizations in the United States promoting equal and equitable access to resources.

The services included in this contract 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 Columbus Urban League can begin providing additional services.

Fiscal Impact: Funding is provided to the City of Columbus from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act passed by Congress and signed into law March 27, 2020.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: the vendor's vendor number is 006073 and is valid from 4/20/2020-4/20/2022

To authorize the transfer and expenditure of \$150,000.00 from and within Fund 2207 from the Department of Development to the Department of Neighborhoods; to authorize the Director of Neighborhoods to enter into an agreement with the Columbus Urban League in an amount up to \$150,000.00 to add needed capacity to Columbus Urban League's COVID-19 specific services to boys and young men of color; to authorize the payment of expenses starting March 1, 2020; and to declare an emergency. (\$150,000.00)

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in causing unforeseen challenges related to e-learning, the need for social emotional learning, physical fitness and soft skills development needs within the population of boys and young men of color; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Urban League has been and will continue to assist boys and young men of color in the IAMBK programming; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council are committed to the mission and work of the Columbus Urban League; and,

WHEREAS, expenditure of CARES Act funding is necessary to address unforeseen needs within the population of boys and young men of color caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, such expenditure of funds has not been previously accounted for in the 2020 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 an agreement with the Columbus Urban League to allow it to begin providing additional COVID-19 specific services to its members and the nonprofit sector, thereby preserving the public health, safety and welfare; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the transfer of \$150,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized within Fund 2207 (CARES Act Fund), from Dept-Div 44-01, object class 03 (Services) to Dept-Div 48-01, object class 03 (Services) per the account codes in the attachment to this Ordinance.

SECTION 2: That the Director of Neighborhoods is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Columbus Urban League to allow it to begin providing additional COVID-19 specific services to its members and the nonprofit sector in an amount up to \$150,000.00 effective March 1, 2020.

SECTION 3: That the expenditure of \$150,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed is hereby authorized in Fund 2207 (CARES Act Fund), Dept-Div 48-01, in object class 03 (Services) 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 legislation.

SECTION 6: That this agreement is awarded pursuant to the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of City Code relating to the process for awarding not-for-profit service agreements.

SECTION 7: 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.