



## Legislation Text

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This ordinance will authorize the appropriation and the transfer of \$50,000 from the Neighborhood Initiatives Fund for operating expenses related to the Summer Food Program.

The Summer Food Service Program is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through the Ohio Department of Education. The program provides nutritionally balanced breakfasts, lunches and snacks to qualified children in need during the summer months. The program is expected to serve approximately 190,000 breakfast meals, 340,000 lunch meals and 110,000 snacks to Columbus children this summer. The funding proposed by this ordinance will help increase participation of eligible youth during the summer.

Eighty percent of Columbus children qualify and take advantage of free or reduced priced lunches during the school year, but only about 13 percent use the summer food sites. The Columbus Recreation and Parks Department has requested funding to expand the summer food program in areas of need throughout the city, targeting neighborhoods that lack summer options for children. The funding will allow Recreation and Parks to hire additional staff and expand the program to 14 school sites.

Operating 14 summer meal sites for nine weeks, Monday through Friday, and presupposing an average daily attendance at each site of 50 children, we can expect total reimbursements of \$113,006.25, representing a return of \$2.26 for every one dollar allocated by Columbus City Council for the 14 summer meal sites.

Emergency legislation is required so that the contract can be in place for the beginning of this program on June 1, 2015.

### **Fiscal Impact**

Funding for this ordinance is made available from the city's Jobs Growth Fund 015 for transfer to the Neighborhood Initiatives Fund 018 for transfer to the Columbus Recreation and Parks Fund.

To authorize the City Auditor to appropriate and transfer \$50,000.00 between the Jobs Growth Fund and the Neighborhood Initiatives Fund; to authorize the City Auditor to appropriate and transfer \$50,000.00 from the Neighborhood Initiatives Fund to the Recreation and Parks Operating Fund; to authorize the City Auditor to appropriate \$50,000.00 in the Recreation and Parks Operating Fund for expansion of the Summer Food Program; and to declare an emergency. (\$50,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, it is a priority of Columbus City Council to support neighborhood initiatives that improve the quality of life for Columbus residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department has identified an opportunity to leverage city resources to expand the Summer Food Program and improve access to healthful foods for Columbus families in the summer months; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are being appropriated and transferred from Neighborhood Initiatives Fund to the Recreation and Parks Operating Fund for salaries and other costs needed to facilitate the expansion of this program; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to proceed in order to expand the Summer Food Program effective June 1, 2015; **NOW, THEREFORE**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to appropriate \$50,000.00 in the Jobs Growth Fund, fund 15, object level 3 5501, OCA 200115.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$50,000.00 between the Jobs Growth Fund and the Neighborhood Initiatives Fund as follows:

FROM:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Obj Lvl 3</b>	<b>OCA</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Jobs Growth Fund	015	5501	200115	\$50,000.00

TO:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Obj Lvl 3</b>	<b>OCA</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Neighborhood Initiatives Fund	018	0886	512851	\$50,000.00

**SECTION 3.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to appropriate \$50,000.00 to the Neighborhood Initiatives Fund, fund 018, object level 3 5501, OCA 512851.

**SECTION 4.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$50,000.00 between the Neighborhood Initiatives Fund and the Recreation and Parks Operating Fund 285 as follows:

FROM:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Object Level 3</b>	<b>OCA Code</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Neighborhood Initiatives	018	5501	512851	\$50,000.00

TO:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Object Level 3</b>	<b>OCA Code</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Operating Fund	285	0886	901306	\$50,000.00

**SECTION 5.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to appropriate \$50,000.00 in the Recreation and Parks Operating Fund, fund 285, object level 3 1112, OCA 510420.

**SECTION 6.** 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 7.** 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 10 days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.