



City of Columbus

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Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Creating Central Ohio Futures in support of the Building Futures and Driving Futures programs.

Creating Central Ohio Futures is a workforce development non-profit with a mission to put people on a clear pathway to the middle class. Across all programs, Creating Central Ohio Futures has achieved an 89% employment rate and an average wage of \$23.29 for clients, translating to increased opportunities for Columbus residents.

Building Futures is an award-winning program that equips members of underserved communities with life-skills, and teaches basic construction skills to prepare participants for a building trades apprenticeship. This 12-week program is designed for individuals who are unemployed or under-employed and sets participants up to earn a living wage through the construction industry with health and retirement benefits. Training in critical skills such as financial literacy, math, and reading are also included.

Driving Futures provides similar programming and support, but leads to driving school rather than a construction pathway. The program includes the cost of obtaining a Commercial Driver License (CDL) and assistance with job placement after completing the CDL training.

Support from Columbus City Council will support both Building Futures and Driving Futures. This grant will increase the number of Columbus residents Creating Central Ohio Futures is able to serve by increasing wraparound supports, staff capacity, and upgrading training space.

Fiscal Impact: Funding is available within the Job Growth subfund.

To authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Creating Central Ohio Futures to support the Building Futures and Driving Futures programs; and to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Job Growth subfund. (\$100,000.00)

WHEREAS, Creating Central Ohio Futures is a workforce development non-profit with a mission to put people on a clear pathway to the middle class; and

WHEREAS, the need for workers in the both the construction and commercial driving spaces continues to grow in Ohio, creating pathways to family-supporting wages and benefits in these industries; and

WHEREAS, Columbus City Council seeks to promote pathways out of poverty and good-paying jobs; and

WHEREAS, Creating Central Ohio Futures' programs support the development of both technical and soft skills for those pursuing careers in the building trades and in commercial driving; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Creating Central Ohio Futures in support of the Building Futures and Driving Futures programs, in an amount of up to \$100,000.00; **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 Creating Central Ohio Futures in support of the Building Futures and Driving Futures programs.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$100,000.00 in the Job Growth subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100015, to the City Clerk per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$100,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the action authorized in SECTION 1 of this ordinance, is hereby authorized in the Job Growth subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100015 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 this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.