



Legislation Text

File #: 0573-2024, **Version:** 1

Background

To authorize the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods to enter into grant agreements with the following non-profit entities Actions That Matter for Youth, Brown Girls Mentoring, Physicians CareConnection on behalf of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Sigma Iota Zeta Chapter, and Lead with Purpose; This ordinance authorizes to encumber and expend grant funding for programs that address the needs of black girls and the purchase of food and/or beverage items at various outreach events, which serve the public for the purpose of youth engagement to advance equity. 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 services cannot be provided by existing city employees because these services are beyond the City's current responsibility and capacity to provide.

Emergency Action is necessary to avoid interruptions in the delivery of programming to address the needs of black girls, including access to mentors and mental health services.

Fiscal Impact: Funding is available within the General Fund.

Contract Compliance:

039924 Actions That Matter for Youth and is valid 10/23/25

031841 Brown Girls Mentoring and is valid 10/24/25

005206 Physicians CareConnection on behalf of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Sigma Iota Zeta Chapter and is valid 3/28/24

035890 Lead with Purpose and is pending. Contract Compliance will be completed before grant funding is received.

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WHEREAS, The Commission on Black Girls studied and assessed the current quality of life for Black girls ages 11-22, residing in central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, through the culmination of analytic results from listening sessions, focus groups, literature reviews, expert discourse and survey results, the Commission developed and is implementing recommendations to ensure opportunities, successful futures and the achievement of a high quality of life for Black girls; and

WHEREAS, the following entities: Actions That Matter for Youth, Brown Girls Mentoring, Physicians CareConnection on behalf of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Sigma Iota Zeta Chapter, and Lead with Purpose; all align with the efforts of the Commission on Black Girls; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is contingent upon passage of the 2024 General Fund Operating Budget,

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 avoid causing interruptions in the delivery of programming to address the needs of black girls, including access to mentors and mental health services, 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 hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with, Actions That Matter for Youth, Brown Girls Mentoring, Physicians CareConnection on behalf of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Sigma Iota Zeta Chapter, and Lead with Purpose in alignment with the efforts of the Commission on Black Girls, effective January 1, 2024. The grant agreements will allow for a maximum of \$15 per person for the purchase of food and/or beverages in order to provide nutrition to students and families who are often food-insecure and to increase public participation in Commission on Black Girls funded programs.

Actions That Matter for Youth \$10,000

Brown Girls Mentoring \$25,000

Physicians CareConnection on behalf of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Sigma Iota Zeta Chapter \$7,430

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SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$52,430 or so much thereof as may be needed is authorized in Fund 1000, Dept-Div 48-01, in Object Class 05 - Grants to Non-Profit Agencies per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3: 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 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 legislation.

SECTION 5: 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.

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