



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Alvis, Inc, a non-profit corporation, in support of the organization's Family and Children's Program. A portion of the funding will be used for reasonable food and non-alcoholic beverages expenses to support participants of the event. It is estimated that less than \$6,000.00 will be used for food and non-alcoholic beverage costs.

Alvis, Inc. has been turning lives around since 1967. Alvis offers comprehensive human services to meet the needs of some of our most vulnerable members of our community. Founded in 2014, the Family and Children's Program serves families impacted by incarceration and addiction.

The Family and Children's Program has three pillars:

1. Strengthening Families -

- Provides 10 and 11 week comprehensive parenting education classes. Topics include bonding, self esteem, positive communication, rules, routines, and positive discipline, as well as special emphasis on reunifying with children, and drug and alcohol prevention
- Individual case management services to help client create a reunification plan with children and prepare them for their return to parenthood and the community
- The Under Five Program - provides developmental assessments and kindergarten readiness programming to address the needs of children under five years old
- The Under Five Critical Needs Pantry - provides diapers, wipes, hygiene items, and childproofing supplies
- Saturday Family Reunification Activities - provides opportunities for families separated by incarceration to share a meal and participate in reunification activities to strengthen the parent/child connection.

2. Clinical Services -

- Provides clinical assessment of children to identify mental health needs
- Provides individual, group and family counseling to address mental and behavioral health concerns

3. Prevention Programming -

- Provides enriching, prevention focused programming to school age children to break the family cycle of substance abuse, help children build positive social and emotional skills, and increase their school success
- Provides afterschool care, as well as full time care during school breaks and the summer so clients can focus on their treatment and recovery while children are cared for in a safe and nurturing environment

City Code Section 329.35 permits the purchase of food and non-alcoholic beverages for a valid public purpose and permits the use of funds for community programs and events sponsored by the City. The expenditure of public funds will be an integral part of the Family and Children's Program.

Emergency action is necessary to provide immediate assistance to serve families of incarcerated individuals.

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

To authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Alvis, Inc. in support of their Family and Children's Program; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$50,000.00)

WHEREAS, Alvis, Inc. has been turning lives around since 1967 and offers comprehensive human services to meet the needs of some of our most vulnerable members of our community; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 2014, the Family and Children's Program serves families impacted by incarceration and addiction; and

WHEREAS, The Family and Children's Program collaborates with many community partners outside of the Alvis Agency including COSI who provides the program with Science boxes and educational programming; the Columbus Recreation and Parks department for free meals program, and by providing prevention programming within certain Columbus City Schools; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Clerk's Office in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Alvis, Inc. to provide immediate assistance to incarcerated individuals, for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, and safety; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

SECTION 1. That the City Clerk is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the not-for-profit corporation Alvis Inc. in support of their Family and Children's Program.

SECTION 2: That Columbus City Council hereby determines that the purchase and distribution of reasonable food and non-alcoholic beverages, as related to the action authorized in Section 1 of this ordinance, is for a valid public purpose and is authorized. No more than \$6,000.00 shall be expended on food and non-alcoholic beverage costs.

SECTION 3. That the appropriation and expenditure of \$50,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the action authorized in SECTION 1, is authorized in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, 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 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 ordinance.

SECTION 6. That for the reason 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.