



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Help and Hope Community Center in support of the Youth Empowered initiative.

Help & Hope Community Center is a non-profit organization that addresses the unique needs of youth and the well-being of the community through education, healthcare, and connecting needs to resources. Youth Empowered is a collaboration between Health and Hope Community Center, Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services, Community for New Direction, Columbus Urban League, IMPACT Community Action, and PrimaryOne Health.

The purpose of Youth Empowered is to address the rise in youth truancy, violence, and petty crime. The program intends to enroll 40 youths and young adults in a 6-month program with weekly workshops dedicated to conflict resolution, life skills, personal health, and financial literacy, among other topics. Impact will be evaluated through participant surveys and by gauging progress that participants make on academic assessments and grade cards. It is expected that connecting these vulnerable youths to necessary resources will result in fewer incidents of truancy and delinquency.

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

Emergency action is requested in order to provide Help and Hope Community Center with the resources necessary to implement the Youth Empowered initiative without delay.

To authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Help and Hope Community Center in support of the Youth Empowered initiative; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$75,000.00)

WHEREAS, Help & Hope Community Center is a non-profit organization that addresses the unique needs of youth and the well-being of the community through education, healthcare, and connecting needs to resources; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Empowered initiative is intended to address the rise in youth truancy, violence, and petty crime; and

WHEREAS, the program will enroll youths and young adults in weekly workshops dedicated to conflict resolution, life skills, personal health, and financial literacy, among other topics; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily business of the city in that it is immediately necessary to authorize a grant agreement with Help and Hope Community Center to provide the resources necessary to implement the Youth Empowered initiative without delay, 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 hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Help and Hope Community Center in support of the Youth Empowered initiative.

SECTION 2: That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$75,000.00 in the Neighborhood

Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, to Columbus City Council per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3: That for the purpose authorized in Section 1 of this ordinance, the expenditure of \$75,000.00, or so much thereof as is necessary, is hereby authorized in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund 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 legislation.

SECTION 5. 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 ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.