



## Legislation Text

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This legislation authorizes the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with US Together in the amount of \$10,000.00 in support of the Gateways for Growth Project of Central Ohio.

The Gateways for Growth Challenge (G4G) was created in 2016 to provide support to communities that have demonstrated leadership and commitment to developing an inclusive, accessible, and welcoming environment to all residents. Now in its fourth round, New American Economy (NAE) and Welcoming America have awarded 71 communities nationwide with tailored economic research reports on the contributions of immigrants; technical assistance in the development of a multi-sector strategic welcoming plan; and matching grants to bolster this work.

Central Ohio (Columbus) was selected as one of 19 communities in Round IV of the G4G award and is one of only ten to receive technical assistance in developing a strategic Welcoming Plan. This award serves as a testament to the strength of the community and its multi-sector partners' dedication to building a robust plan that will benefit all residents.

The Gateways for Growth Project of Central Ohio will be based on a multi-sector approach of co-creating innovative policies and recommendations through a Targeted Universal approach.

**Emergency Designation:** Emergency action is requested to ensure that US Together can immediately begin their Gateways for Growth Project for the residents of Central Ohio.

**Fiscal Impact:** Total appropriation is \$10,000.00 and is available in the Neighborhood Initiative subfund.

To authorize the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement with US Together in the amount of \$10,000.00 in support of the Gateways for Growth Project of Central Ohio; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$10,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, The Gateways for Growth Challenge (G4G) was created in 2016 to provide support to communities that have demonstrated leadership and commitment to developing an inclusive, accessible, and welcoming environment to all residents; and,

**WHEREAS**, Central Ohio (Columbus) was selected as one of 19 communities in Round IV of the G4G award and is one of only ten to receive technical assistance in developing a strategic Welcoming Plan; and,

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to authorize entering into a grant agreement with US Together to allow the continuation of the Gateways for Growth Project for the residents of Central Ohio; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

**SECTION 1:** That the Department of Development is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with US Together in support of the Gateways for Growth Project.

**SECTION 2:** That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$10,000.00 to the Department of Development within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, in Services-03 per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3:** That the expenditure of \$10,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, 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 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 6:** 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.