



# 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 Black Girl Rising, Inc. a local non-profit organization, in support of their Black Girl Suicide Prevention Program.

Black Girl Rising's suicide prevention programming and community education primarily serves Black and Brown girls in Columbus, especially those who are 12 to 19 years old. The organization also supports the family members and service providers for these girls, including mental health practitioners and educators.

This grant agreement will support multiple events:

- The "That's My Sister" event, serving 150 girls; and
- Mother and Daughter Conversations in 4 unique locations, serving about 50 individuals at each event;
- and
- A panel discussion for mental health practitioners and educators on cultural proficiency when addressing mental health, serving over 100 attendees.

Funding will support materials for the events, books for the girls served, a speaker stipend, and will support the rental of event space.

Emergency action is necessary to ensure the organization receives financial support in a timely fashion to be able to run these events, some of which begin in July and run through August and September.

**Fiscal Impact:** The funding of \$26,767.58 is available within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund.

To authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Black Girls Rising; and to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$26,767.58)

**WHEREAS**, Black Girl Rising, Inc. is a local non-profit organization that provides community education on and raises community awareness of suicide among Black and Brown girls and offers suicide prevention programming for this population; and

**WHEREAS**, Columbus City Council seeks to promote the health and well-being, including the mental health, of all Columbus residents including youth and those who are underserved and have different access to mental health resources; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City Clerk in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Black Girl Rising to ensure timely support of upcoming suicide prevention events in July, 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 City Clerk is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Black Girl Rising, Inc., a local non-profit organization.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$26,767.58 in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, to the City Clerk per the accounting codes in the attachment to this

ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** That the expenditure of \$26,767.58 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the action authorized in SECTION 1 of this ordinance, 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 ordinance.

**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.