



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** Columbus City Council has established the Area Commission Technology Enhancement Program. The goals of this program are to assist Area Commissions in their ability to communicate with and engage residents by leveraging new technology, to help Area Commissions hold efficient and effective meetings, and to promote the use of social media, websites, and other forms of electronic communication as tools for organizing and engagement. Each area commission will be able to apply for technological equipment up to \$2,200.

Emergency action is requested so that Area Commissions can apply and receive this technology as soon as possible.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This legislation transfers \$47,500 from the Neighborhoods Initiatives subfund to the Area Commission Fund; and appropriates \$47,500 for operating expenses of the Area Commission Technology Enhancement Program.

To authorize the City Auditor to appropriate and transfer \$47,500.00 from the Neighborhoods Initiatives subfund to the Area Commission Fund; to authorize the City Auditor to appropriate \$47,500.00 in the Area Commission Fund for operating expenses of the Area Commission Technology Enhancement Program; and to declare an emergency (\$47,500.00).

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to transfer funds from the Neighborhoods Initiatives subfund to the Area Commission Fund for the Area Commission Technology Enhancement Program; and

**WHEREAS,** Columbus City Council and the Department of Neighborhoods held the Area Commission Empowerment & Development Tour in the Fall of 2019 to listen to the concerns of area commissions; and

**WHEREAS,** Area Commissions stated that technological equipment would improve the effectiveness and efficiency of area commission meetings; and

**WHEREAS,** each Area Commission will be eligible to receive technology valued up to \$2,200.00 in 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Columbus City Council in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the appropriation of said funds to avoid interruptions in services, all for the preservation of the public health, peace, safety, and welfare; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$47,500.00 within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund to Columbus City Council per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$47,500.00 from the Neighborhoods Initiatives fund 1000, subfund 100018, to the Area Commission Fund, fund 2221.

**SECTION 3.** That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$47,500.00 within the Area Commission

Fund, fund 2221, to Columbus City Council 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 hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

**SECTION 5.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer cash and appropriation between and among subfunds within the Area Commission Fund as necessary to allow for the posting of prior and future expenses, not to exceed the cash available in the fund as a whole.

**SECTION 6.** That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.