



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND

The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Elevate Northland in support of a new Executive Director.

Elevate Northland is a 501(c)3 and a CDC promoting economic growth in Northland by providing centralized social services and business incubation in Northland, and serving as a source of social power by promoting Northland as Columbus' international district. Our targeted constituencies are business owners in Northland, New Americans in Northland, seniors in Northland and young families in Northland. Elevate Northland plans to create a center that combines business incubation, an international district, and a nonprofit hub, all culminating in a community gathering place.

This position will allow Elevate Northland to better integrate with city programs and initiatives, have a strong seat at the table with the New American Advisory Council and participate with other area nonprofits and declared partners such as ECDI, SCORE, Experience Columbus, YMCA, Northland Area Business Association, NCC, the Karl Road library branch and the Woodward Park Rec Center.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION: Emergency action is requested in order to avoid interruptions in services for residents in need.

FISCAL IMPACT: Total appropriation is \$75,000.00 and is available within the Neighborhood Initiative subfund, Fund 1000-100018.

To authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Elevate Northland in support of a new Executive Director; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure of \$75,000.00 within the Neighborhood Initiative subfund, and to declare an emergency. (\$75,000.00)

WHEREAS, Elevate Northland is a community development corporation that brings together groups working on business development, public health, poverty and building community bonds; and

WHEREAS, the target audience for Elevate Northland works with business owners, New Americans, seniors and young families in Northland; and

WHEREAS, alongside the Mid-Ohio Food Collective, Elevate Northland plans to provide space for small businesses, nonprofits, and community organizations to deliver services to Northland residents, including resources for food, medical services, ESL classes, and childcare; and

WHEREAS, Elevate Northland plans to hire a new Executive Director position to help create a center that combines business incubation, an international district, and a nonprofit hub, all culminating in a community gathering place; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of City Council in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into a grant agreement to support the new position in order to ensure that Elevate Northland has the ability to continue to offer services, for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; 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 Elevate Northland in support of a new Executive Director.

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 the expenditure of \$75,000.00 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 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.