



Legislation Text

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Background: This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Office of Violence Prevention to enter into contract with Nile Enterprises Ltd. for event planning services related to a convening of violence prevention professionals hosted by the City of Columbus.

The Columbus Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) is hosting team members from the National Institute of Criminal Justice Reform (NICJR) and the Indianapolis Office of Public Health and Safety to provide a violence interrupter/intervention convening. NICJR and its partners have worked to create and provide technical assistance to OVP's and Neighborhood Safety through the country for more than fifteen years. NICJR has worked for nearly two years to organize, plan, and coordinate with a group of OVP directors to plan the creation of a National OVP Network. The National Offices of Violence Prevention Network (NOVPN) is the national learning community of local government agencies working to reduce violence and improve lives. OVP will host this convening, with the technical assistance of NICJR/NOVPN, and it will involve the violence prevention interrupter and intervention teams in our City (from multiple departments and agencies). NICJR/NOVPN will assist as OVP trains on Columbus' violence prevention landscape and evidence-based/ best practices, while all attendees strategize together to align our City strategies for improved service delivery. Team members from NICJR/NOVPN/Indianapolis Office will be traveling from Baltimore, Indianapolis and Washington DC, as such this ordinance authorizes expenditures for flight/travel, hotel accommodations and food and beverage. All food/beverage purchases will conform to the per diems established in the food and beverage policy and any purchase of alcohol is prohibited. It should also be noted that various City Departments and community partners will participate in the convening, including staff from Columbus OVP, Columbus Public Health, City of Columbus Recreation & Parks Department, Columbus Violence Reduction, Columbus Urban League, Community for New Direction, End the Violence, and Halt Violence.

Emergency Action is necessary to expedite payment to the contracted vendor for event planning services.

Fiscal Impact: Funding is available from previously established General Budget Reservations.

Nile Enterprises, LTD, FID: 292745609, CC-047608

To authorize the Director of the Office of Violence Prevention to enter into contract with Nile Enterprises Ltd. for event planning services related to a convening of violence prevention professionals hosted by the City of Columbus; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$25,037.30 from the previously established General Budget Reservations; and to declare an emergency. (\$25,037.30)

WHEREAS, the Columbus Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) is hosting team members from the National Institute of Criminal Justice Reform (NICJR), National Offices of Violence Prevention Network (NOVPN), and the Indianapolis Office of Public Health and Safety to provide a violence interrupter/intervention convening; and

WHEREAS, NICJR/NOVPN will assist as OVP trains on Columbus' violence prevention landscape and evidence-based/ best practices, while all attendees strategize together to align our City strategies for improved service delivery; and

WHEREAS, various City Departments and community partners will participate in the convening, including staff from Columbus OVP, Columbus Public Health, City of Columbus Recreation & Parks Department, Columbus Violence Reduction, Columbus Urban League, Community for New Direction, End the Violence, and Halt Violence; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Office of Violence Prevention in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into contract with Nile Enterprises, Ltd. and to expedite payment for the contracted services all 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 Director of the Office of Violence Prevention is hereby authorized to enter into contract with Nile Enterprises Ltd. for event planning services related to a convening of violence prevention professionals hosted by the City of Columbus.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$25,037.30, or so much thereof as may be needed, is authorized from previously established General Budget Reservations BRPO002289, BRPO2633, and BRPO002629.

SECTION 3: 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 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 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.