



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with 1DivineLine2Health, a non-profit entity, in support of the organization's Hilltop Drop-In Center. A portion of the funding will be used for reasonable food and non-alcoholic beverages expenses to support participants of the event. It is estimated that less than \$4,000.00 will be used for food and non-alcoholic beverage costs.

1DivineLine2Health is a community driven organization. In addition to their morning and afternoon outreach work across the West side, they are initiating evening outreach events and programming. 1DivineLine2Health serves our residents experiencing homelessness, victims of human trafficking, and at-risk youth. In 2021, 1DivineLine2Health opened the first full-time Drop-In Center in Franklin County tailored to human trafficking victims, their children, and transgender individuals.

Emergency action is necessary to provide immediate assistance to individuals who are victims of human trafficking.

City Code Section 329.35 permits the purchase of food and non-alcoholic beverages for a valid public purpose and permits the use of funds for community programs and events sponsored by the City. The expenditure of public funds will be an integral part of the Hilltop Drop-In Center.

Fiscal Impact: Funding is available within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund.

To authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with 1DivineLine2Health in support of their Hilltop Drop-In Center; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$30,000.00)

WHEREAS, 1DivineLine2Health is a community driven organization providing outreach services supporting the Hilltop and west side communities; and

WHEREAS, 1DivineLine2Health serves our residents experiencing homelessness, victims of human trafficking, and at-risk youth; and

WHEREAS, In 2021, 1DivineLine2Health opened the first full-time Drop-In Center in Franklin County tailored to human trafficking victims, their children, and transgender individuals; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Clerk's Office in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with 1DivineLine2Health to provide immediate assistance to individuals of human trafficking thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, and safety; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

SECTION 1. That the City Clerk is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the not-for-profit 1DivineLine2Health in support of their Hilltop Drop-In Center.

SECTION 2: That Columbus City Council hereby determines that the purchase and distribution of reasonable food and non-alcoholic beverages, as related to the action authorized in Section 1 of this ordinance, is for a valid public purpose and is authorized. No more than \$4,000.00 will be used for food and non-alcoholic beverage costs.

SECTION 3. That the appropriation and expenditure of \$30,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the action authorized in SECTION 1, is authorized in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, 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 deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 5. 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 6. That for the reason 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.