



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Brown Girls Mentoring, a non-profit entity, in support of the organization's youth programming.

Brown Girls Mentoring was founded in 2016 with a mission to equip Brown Girls with tools to build their self-confidence, develop relationships, resolve conflict, make wise decisions, work in teams, and develop practical life skills. The program educates Brown Girls through lectures, trainings, activities, simulations, role play, and affirmations. Brown Girls Mentoring aims to empower young Brown Girls in all shades of beauty to know their worth, strive for excellence, and to embrace their natural beauty.

To help the Black girls in low resource areas of Columbus, Brown Girls Mentoring focuses on leadership development for Black Girls ages 5-16. The goal of the leadership development program is designed to:

- help Black Girls find their voices
- teach them how to withstand adversity and challenges
- introduce them to Black female leaders and change-agents who are making their communities better
- promote creative ways to make changes in their communities

Emergency action is necessary to provide immediate assistance to youth in need.

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

To authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Brown Girls Mentoring in support of the organization's youth programming; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$40,000.00)

WHEREAS, Brown Girls Mentoring was founded in 2016 with a mission to equip Brown Girls with tools to build their self-confidence, develop relationships, resolve conflict, make wise decisions, work in teams, and develop practical life skills; and

WHEREAS, the program educates Brown Girls through lectures, trainings, activities, simulations, role play, and affirmations; and

WHEREAS, Brown Girls Mentoring aims to empower young Brown Girls in all shades of beauty to know their worth, strive for excellence, and to embrace their natural beauty; 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 Brown Girls Mentoring to provide immediate assistance to young Black and Brown girls in need, for the immediate preservation of 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 Brown Girls Mentoring in support of the organization's youth programming.

SECTION 2. That the appropriation and expenditure of \$40,000.00, 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 3. 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 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 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.