



City of Columbus

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Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Department of Finance and Management to enter into a \$750,000.00 grant agreement with the Girls Scouts of Ohio's Heartland (GSOH).

The funding from the City will be used by the GSOH for camp and facility renovations related to its Dream Big Initiative. The Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland Dream Big Transformational Initiative will reimagine the 220-acre Camp Ken-Jockey and create a STEM immersive campus. Through this project, GSOH will provide girls with the tools necessary to create pathways to in-demand careers and bridge the gender gap in the STEM field. With access to cutting-edge programs, a safe place to learn new skills, and mentors encouraging them along the way, girls will learn about jobs of the future to spark their interest and curiosity.

Currently, GSOH serves an average of 5,500 girls from the City of Columbus each year. With the development of the campus, GSOH is projected to serve 8,000 girls per year from Columbus within the first two years, and 10,000+ girls per year by year three of its opening. Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland serves girls in every zip code in the City of Columbus.

Through the Dream Big Transformational Initiative, Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland will:

- Be a place of learning that is accessible to our diverse community
- Provide robust, unique training focused on in-demand jobs
- Be an immersive learning campus for our youth and community
- Engage girls and youth in STEM and leadership learning

The Dream Big Initiative is a \$16 million project with the budget including renovations, new builds, and program investments, with funding commitments from many regional partners in both the private and public sector.

Fiscal Impact: Funding is available within the General Fund. A transfer of appropriation is necessary to establish sufficient authority within the proper object of expense. GSOH will utilize city funding of \$750,000.00 to support renovations, new builds, and program investments related to its new STEM camp.

Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland, FID: 314379475

Emergency action is requested so that STEM Campus renovations can commence as quickly as possible.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Finance and Management to enter into a grant agreement with the Girls Scouts of Ohio's Heartland; to authorize the transfer of \$750,000.00 within the General Fund; to authorize the expenditure of \$750,000.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency (750,000.00)

WHEREAS, GSOH is a critical community partner, serving an average of 5,500 girls from the City of Columbus each year; and

WHEREAS, GSOH is seeking to invest in its Dream Big Transformational Initiative which will reimagine the 220-acre

Camp Ken-Jockety and create a STEM immersive campus; and

WHEREAS, GSOH will provide girls with the tools necessary to create pathways to in-demand careers and bridge the gender gap in the STEM field; and

WHEREAS, Currently, GSOH serves an average of 5,500 girls from the City of Columbus each year and with the development of the campus, GSOH is projected to serve 8,000 girls per year from Columbus within the first two years, and 10,000+ girls per year by year three of its opening; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Finance and Management in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into a grant agreement with the Girls Scouts of Ohio's Heartland for renovations, new builds, and program investments related to a new STEM campus so that STEM Campus renovations can commence as quickly as possible, thereby preserving 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 Director of the Department of Finance and Management is hereby authorized to enter into a Grant Agreement in an amount up to \$750,000.00 with the Girls Scouts of Ohio's Heartland for renovations, new builds, and program investments related to a new STEM campus.

SECTION 2. That the transfer of \$750,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized within the General Fund 1000 per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That for the purpose as stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$750,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized in the General Fund 1000 per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.

SECTION 5. 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 6. 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 7. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure and shall take effect and be enforced from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.