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Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes a grant agreement between Columbus City Council and the Uplift Outreach Foundation in support of their End The Violence initiative.

The epidemic of gun violence has a community impact far beyond that of the immediate incident. The psychological and emotional trauma inflicted upon those who find themselves routinely exposed to neighborhood violence frequently manifests as cognitive or mood disorders, higher incidence of depression or anxiety, and the perception that violence and is inescapable. For entire neighborhoods, the end result of chronic violence is often abandoned buildings, stagnant economic development, and a lack of opportunity for youth residents to find a sanctuary.

The End The Violence (ETV) program seeks to stem violent activity with a bottom-up approach through direct intervention with those most likely or most at-risk to commit violent acts. ETV utilizes community members with the reputation and experience to deal directly with those whose activities and behaviors are most likely to result in violent acts. They then seek to redirect those individuals to alternative interventions, such as job training, works programs, and mentorships.

Fiscal Impact: Funds are available within the Public Safety Initiatives subfund.

To authorize a grant agreement between Columbus City Council and the Uplift Outreach Foundation in support of their End The Violence initiative; and to authorize an appropriation and expenditure of \$50,000.00 within the Public Safety Initiatives subfund. (\$50,000.00)

WHEREAS, chronic violence has a severe, long-lasting impact to community residents that are constantly exposed to trauma, leading to cognitive and/or mood disorders, anxiety, depression, and feelings of helplessness; and

WHEREAS, violence has a similar long-lasting effect on neighborhoods, resulting in economic stagnation, depressed housing or unsafe living conditions, and lack of youth opportunities; and

WHEREAS, through its End The Violence initiative, Uplift Outreach Foundation seeks to stem the tide of violence by using experienced and reputable community members to provide direct, street-level intervention and redirection; and

WHEREAS, this Council deems it an effective use of funds to support End The Violence through the provision of a grant in the amount of \$50,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the City to authorize a grant agreement between Columbus City Council and the Uplift Outreach Foundation; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That City Council is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Uplift Outreach Foundation in

support of their End The Violence initiative.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$50,000.00 in the Public Safety Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100016, to Columbus City Council, in Object Class 03 - Contractual Services, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

See Attached File: Ord 0800-2017 DAX Funding.xls

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$50,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the actions authorized in SECTION 1, is hereby authorized in the Public Safety Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100016, in Object Class 03 - Contractual Services, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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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 this ordinance shall take effect at the earliest time allowable by law.