



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with the We Elevate You Foundation in support of their networking events and programs.

We Elevate You is on a mission to help create generational wealth for BIPOC entrepreneurs by providing access to essential business resources, like equitable funding, human resources, industry know-how, facilities and equipment, and professional support.

The Elevate mixers are vibrant events with opportunities for networking and learning through sessions and live dialogues. These are oriented to provide both inspiration and guidance to rising BIPOC entrepreneurs, ages 18-30.

Support from Columbus City Council will support personnel, supplies, and services costs associated with the fall mixer event. No funding from this grant agreement will contribute towards food and beverage costs.

Emergency legislation is required to provide timely support to We Elevate You, as the foundation has already hosted their first mixer event this fall.

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

To authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with the We Elevate You Foundation in support of their spring mixer event; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$5,000.00)

WHEREAS, We Elevate You Foundation is on a mission to create generational wealth for BIPOC entrepreneurs through mentorship and professional support; and

WHEREAS, We Elevate You Foundation catalyzes the creation of new, thriving businesses through their services and event; and

WHEREAS, Columbus City Council seeks to promote local entrepreneurship and pathways to good-paying jobs; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City Clerk's Office in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with the We Elevate You Foundation to ensure that support for their fall networking event is received in a timely manner, given that the networking event has already occurred; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

SECTION 1. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the We Elevate You Foundation in support of their networking events and programs. No funding from this grant agreement will contribute towards food and beverage costs.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$5,000.00 in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, to the City Clerk per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$5,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the action authorized in SECTION 1 of this ordinance, is hereby authorized in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018 per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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 reasons 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.