



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Alpha Rho Lambda Education Foundation, Inc. in support of the Go to High School Go to College program.

The mission of the Alpha Rho Lambda Education Foundation is to leverage resources to provide scholarships and support educational activities of a wide variety. From mentoring and academic support to community education, the Alpha Rho Lambda Education Foundation specifically targets men and boys of color while offering support and programming to all parts of the larger Columbus community.

Go to High School Go to College is a national initiative of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. The program has maintained a commitment to helping youth, especially boys of color, to be prepared for high school and college. Across the fraternity, chapters are given leverage to create local programming that addresses the needs of young people in their communities. The Alpha Rho Lambda Chapter is doing this work in Columbus. The Alpha Rho Lambda Education Foundation was established in 1979 specifically to partner in this work supporting young people and their mentors.

Go to High School Go to College programming is divided into three areas:

- 1) The Junior Esquires Academy, serving 40 middle school boys across Central Ohio following a Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum. The academy is in its fourth cohort cycle (academic year). The program's four pillars are: Self-Awareness, Social Awareness, Self-Management, and Social-Management.
- 2) Alpha Esquires, serving 56 high school boys across Central Ohio, is a mentoring program celebrating over 35 years of continued service to boys of color. The objectives of the Alpha Esquire program is to engage the participants in leadership development training, career awareness, community involvement, educational planning, communication skills and social awareness.
- 3) Project Alpha, an annual day-long symposium for teenage boys focused on issues of health and responsibility into adulthood. This program is open to all boys 12 - 18 in the Central Ohio area. Approximately 75-100 youth participate each year.

Fiscal Impact: Funding is available within the Job Growth subfund.

To authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Alpha Rho Lambda Education Foundation, Inc. in support of the Go to High School Go to College program; and to authorize an appropriation and expenditure of \$10,800.00 within the Job Growth subfund. (\$10,800.00)

WHEREAS, the Alpha Rho Lambda Education Foundation provides mentoring and supporting programming to boys of color in Columbus to encourage high school completion and participation in higher education; and

WHEREAS, Columbus City Council seeks to support pathways out of poverty including high school completion and matriculation to college; and

WHEREAS, According to the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU), typical earnings for bachelor's degree holders are 84 percent higher than those whose highest degree is a high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Alpha Rho Lambda Education Foundation in support of the Go to High School Go to College program, in an amount not to exceed

\$10,800.00; **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 Alpha Rho Lambda Education Foundation, Inc. in support of the Go to High School Go to College program.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$10,800.00 in the Job Growth subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100015, to the City Clerk per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$10,800.00 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the action authorized in SECTION 1 of this ordinance, is hereby authorized in the Job Growth subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100015 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 this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.