



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Creating Central Ohio Futures, a non-profit organization, in support of the coordination of their workforce development programming.

Creating Central Ohio Futures, or CCOHF, is a non-profit organization that aims to educate, uplift, and place Central Ohio's workers into good paying jobs. With a focus on unemployed and underemployed adult residents of the City of Columbus, CCOHF is contributing to the Columbus City Council goal of supporting access to good-paying jobs and creating pathways out of poverty.

Specifically, the CCOHF program provides mid-term workforce development training focused on both professional and technical skills, preparing participants for either maintenance or clerical jobs. Program participants who are placed in a job after the program have an average wage of \$19 an hour along with full medical benefits.

In addition to the 8-week job training program, participants receive on-going case management and supportive service dollars to remove barriers to employment. Participants also have access to an employment specialist that assists them with job searching, placement, and retaining their position.

Emergency Designation: Emergency action is requested to provide timely support for the organization to hire a workforce development coordinator for the fall cohorts of job training participants.

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

To authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Creating Central Ohio Futures in support of their job training programs; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Jobs Growth subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$50,000.00)

WHEREAS, living-wage jobs are an essential element to building pathways out of poverty in Central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Creating Central Ohio Futures provides job training to unemployed and underemployed Columbus residents and partners with Columbus employers to connect them with living-wage jobs that include benefits; and

WHEREAS, Creating Central Ohio Futures seeks to expand its workforce development programming to additional participants in the fall and bring on an additional program coordinator to support the growth of the program; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual operation of the office of the City Clerk that it is immediately necessary to authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Creating Central Ohio Futures to ensure their ability to staff their job training program with a program coordinator for the fall programming and provide supportive services to fall cohort participants; **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 Creating Central Ohio Futures in support of their job training programs.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$50,000.00 in the Jobs 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 \$50,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the action authorized in SECTION 1 of this ordinance, is hereby authorized in the Jobs 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 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.