



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes Columbus City Council to enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio Asian American Health Coalition in support of the organization's RISE program.

Asians and Asian-Americans are one of the largest communities in central Ohio and one which is afflicted with higher-than-average rates of diabetes and cardiovascular disease. The Center for Disease Control recommends that members of the Asian and Asian-American community be screened for diabetes when an individual's Body Mass Index (BMI) reaches 23. This has fostered the "Screen at 23" movement, a campaign organized by the National Council of Asian Pacific Islander Physicians.

Screen at 23 serves as a model for using research to advance policy and advocacy efforts. The campaign has achieved a great deal, but there is still the need to raise more awareness and engage more partners in what has truly become a community effort. The Ohio Asian American Health Coalition program goal is to educate the community to understand the concept of RISE: Reduce (fat, weight, stress), Increase (fiber, antioxidants), Sleep, and Exercise. Through the promotion of health screening and the fostering of healthier choices, The Ohio Asian American Health Coalition hopes to improve the overall communal health among the Asian and Asian-American communities in Columbus.

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

To authorize Columbus City Council to enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio Asian American Health Coalition in support of the organization's RISE program; and to authorize an appropriation and expenditure of \$5,000.00 within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund. (\$5,000.00)

WHEREAS, Asians and Asian-Americans are one of the largest communities in central Ohio and one which is afflicted with higher-than-average rates of diabetes and cardiovascular disease; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control recommends that members of the Asian and Asian-American community be screened for diabetes when an individual's Body Mass Index (BMI) reaches 23, a guideline which has fostered the "Screen at 23" movement; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Asian American Health Coalition program goal is to educate the community and to promote health screening services in an effort to improve the overall communal health among the Asian and Asian-American communities in Columbus; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the City to authorize Columbus City Council to enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio Asian American Health Coalition in support of the organization's RISE program; **now, therefore**,

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

SECTION 1. That Columbus City Council is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio Asian American Health Coalition in support of the organization's RISE program.

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 Columbus City Council 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 this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest date allowable under law.