



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes the acceptance, appropriation and expenditure of a \$100,000 grant from the Columbus Board of Education to the Department of Development. The grant funds will be used for a contract with the Young Men's Christian Association of Central Ohio (YMCA of Central Ohio) to support the truancy prevention and intervention program.

In 2008 the City of Columbus received a \$100,000.00 grant, awarded by the Board of Education, to support a truancy prevention and intervention program. These programs meet the Senate Bill 181 mandate to provide truancy intervention for habitual and chronic truant students. The funds will be directed towards a community-based program that seeks to reduce truancy through educational procedures, case management and other interventions. In addition to monetary support, the Columbus Public Schools will be responsible for coordination and communication of program expectations to its' school system and to the at-large community. The City of Columbus will facilitate Police Officers to transport truant students to the designated Truancy Centers, and to serve as the fiduciary for the contract. The contract period will be in effect from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

This legislation is presented as an emergency to avoid interruption of service to the truancy centers and to comply with the recent passage of legislation from the Board of Education that is the first authorization phase in the transfer of the program operation funds to the City of Columbus.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds for this activity are provided through the Alternative Schools /Programs Grant Fund awarded by the Columbus Board of Education.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to accept an Alternative Schools/ Programs Grant from the Columbus Board of Education in the amount of \$100,000; to authorize the appropriation of \$100,000 from the General Government Grant Fund to the Department of Development; to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into the contract with the YMCA of Central Ohio to support the truancy prevention and intervention program; to authorize the expenditure of \$100,000 from the General Government Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$100,000)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Columbus Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Development desires to accept, appropriate and expend these grant funds from the Columbus Board of Education to fund truancy prevention and intervention programs in the amount of \$100,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this program meets the Senate Bill 181 mandate to provide truancy intervention for habitual and chronic truant students; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Public Schools will provide program coordination and communicate program expectations in its school system and to the at-large community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus will serve as the fiduciary to the contract and facilitate Police Officers to transport truant students to designated Truancy Centers; and

WHEREAS, this program services all Columbus Public Schools with emphasis at the middle and high school levels; and

WHEREAS, this legislation is presented as an emergency to avoid interruption of service to the Truancy Centers and to comply with the passage of legislation from the Board of Education, that is the first authorization phase in the transfer of the operation funds to the City of Columbus, thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; and **NOW THEREFORE,**

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

Section 1. That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to accept a grant award of \$100,000.00 from the Columbus Board of Education to support truancy prevention and intervention programs.

Section 2. That from the unappropriated monies in the fund known as the General Government Grant Fund, the sum of \$100,000.00 be and is hereby appropriated to the Department of Development, Department No. 44-05, Fund No. 220, Grant No. 441001, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3336, OCA Code 440302.

Section 3. That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 2 shall be paid upon the order of the Department of Development and that no order shall be drawn or money paid except by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

Section 4. That the Director of the Department of Development be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the YMCA of Central Ohio to support the truancy prevention and intervention program for the period of July 1, 2007 to June 29, 2008.

Section 5. That this contract is awarded pursuant to Section 329.15 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959 as amended.

Section 6. That for the purpose as stated in Section 4, the expenditure of \$100,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the General Government Grant Fund, Department of Development, Department No. 44-05, Fund 220, Grant No. 441001, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3336, OCA Code 440302.

Section 7. 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.