



Legislation Text

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This ordinance will authorize the appropriation and expenditure of \$250,000.00 from the Neighborhood Initiatives Fund and \$59,090 from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund for the United Way, Columbus Kids: Ready, Set, Learn Initiative FID#31-4393712, located at 360 S. Third Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Columbus City Council and the Recreation and Parks Department recognize that nearly 40 percent of the children entering Columbus City School (CCS) kindergarten classrooms require intervention because they lack foundational skills. The United Way Columbus Kids initiative is designed to decrease those numbers and increase the number of children who enter CCS kindergarten classrooms ready to learn. With support from more than 100 community partners, United Way of Central Ohio is leading an effort to provide school readiness screening and referral services for approximately 8,245 2 1/2 to 4-year-old children and their families in five neighborhoods of the CCS district. This number represents one half of the 2 1/2 to 4-year-old children in the CCS system. The 2014 initiative will focus on the communities of greatest need: Central City Columbus, Weinland Park, South Linden, Westside and Southside neighborhoods.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$250,000.00 will be spent from the Neighborhood Initiatives Fund 018 and \$59,090 from CDBG Fund 248.

To authorize the appropriation of \$250,000.00 within the Neighborhood Initiatives Fund; to authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with United Way of Central Ohio for the implementation of the Columbus Kids: Ready, Set, Learn Initiative; to authorize the expenditure of \$250,000.00 from the Neighborhood Initiatives Fund and \$59,090.00 from the Community Development Block Grant Fund for a total of \$309,090.00; and to declare an emergency. (\$309,090.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus desires to support the United Way, Columbus Kids: Ready, Set, Learn initiative; and

WHEREAS, funds are being appropriated from the Neighborhood Initiatives Fund and CDBG Fund for support of the Columbus Kids initiative; and

WHEREAS, this legislation will authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks Department to enter into contract with United Way of Central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City of Columbus in that it is immediately necessary to appropriate said funds to have funding available for necessary expenditures; **NOW, THEREFORE**

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

SECTION 1. That from the unappropriated monies in the Neighborhood Initiatives Fund 018, and from all monies estimated to come into said Fund from any and all sources for the period ending December 31, 2014, the sum of \$250,000.00 is hereby appropriated to the Department of Recreation and Parks, Division 51-01, Object Level One - 03, Object Level Three - 3337, OCA 512851.

SECTION 2. That the Director of Recreation and Parks be authorized to enter into contract with United Way for the Columbus Kids: Ready, Set, Learn initiative.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$309,090.00 be and is hereby authorized as follows:

| Fund Type | Dept # | Fund | OCA Code | Object Level 3 | Amount |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Neighborhood Initiatives | 51-01 | 018 | 512851 | 3337 | \$250,000.00 |
| CDBG Fund | 51-01 | 248 | 511410 | 3336 | \$59,090.00 |

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 10 days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.