



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes a contract of support in the amount of \$10,000.00 between Columbus City Council and the African American Male Wellness Walk Initiative.

In 2004, the African American Male Wellness Walk (AAMWW) was initiated in Columbus, Ohio to raise awareness regarding preventable diseases. The event has brought much needed attention to the poor health outcomes that African American men experience. Overall, men live an average of almost six years less than women, with Native American and African-American men having the lowest overall life expectancy.

AAMWW is a community centered event open to individuals and families from all backgrounds and focuses on offering education, health screenings, and fun healthy activities for adults and children. In 2015, the Columbus event provided over 6,000 screenings and there were nearly 15,000 participants, which made the AAMWW Columbus the largest health event for African Americans in Central Ohio. The 2016 event, having taken place on August 13, was equally successful. Columbus City Council finds it to be an effective use of funds and in the interest of public health to support the development of future AAMWW events in the city.

Fiscal Impact: Funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 is available in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund.

To authorize a grant agreement between Columbus City Council and the African American Male Wellness Walk Initiative; and to authorize an appropriation and expenditure of \$10,000.00 within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund of the General Fund. (\$10,000.00)

WHEREAS, African-American men are disproportionately impacted by chronic and preventable diseases, resulting in a lower-than-average life expectancy; and

WHEREAS, the African American Male Wellness Walk Initiative was founded in Columbus in 2004 with the mission of raising awareness of the health issues impacting the African American male population, and

WHEREAS, the African American Male Wellness Walk events promote exercise and physical fitness, as well as raise awareness of personal health through screenings, and

WHEREAS, the support of Columbus City Council will facilitate the development and growth of future events with the goal of improving community health; now, therefore

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

SECTION 1. That the City Auditor be and is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$10,000.00 in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, to the Columbus City Council, in Object Class 03 - Contractual Services, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

See Attached File: Ord 2425-2016 Legislation Template.xls

SECTION 2. That City Council is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with African American Male

Wellness Walk Initiative in the amount of \$10,000.00 and to expend said funds appropriated in Section 1 for the marketing and development of future events.

SECTION 3. That this contract is entered into under the provisions of Columbus City Code Chapter 329 regarding non-profit contracts.

SECTION 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.