



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes a grant agreement between Columbus City Council and the Clintonville-Beechwold Community Resources Center in support of the Village in the Ville program.

Village in the Ville (VitV), now in its 2nd year at the Clintonville-Beechwold Community Resources Center (CRC), utilizes a member-driven, strengths-based model focused on developing a mutually supportive network for a successful and healthy aging-in-community. The program serves neighbors, age 50 and over, residing in the greater Clintonville-Beechwold area and is financially supported by member dues.

VitV's network of high quality, person-centered resources includes referrals to cost effective services and vetted volunteers. Volunteers assist members with a range of tasks, such as lawn care, friendly visiting, assistance with errands, friendly meals when ill, and small in-home tasks. VitV links members with volunteer drivers who provide transportation to medical appointments, the airport, and to run errands. VitV also offers activities designed to enhance members' health and wellness, support their social, educational, and cultural interests, and foster member-to-member volunteer support. Additionally, VitV can link older adults to valuable services and knowledge to maintain household stability, including fall risk assessments, financial and medical insurance planning, and disaster preparedness plans.

The Village Movement approach to aging works not only to ensure that older adults are able to age in their homes, but also in the community. This movement fosters interdependence between neighbors that supports aging members, in addition to honoring the contributions of younger members. Older adults participating in the VitV program will experience a more connected way of life, whether they are a recipient of services, a provider, or both. In order to generate a strong sense of community, VitV engages members in creating and coordinating the activities of the Village. VitV members have the opportunity to coordinate and attend social outings, volunteer for the Village organization or for other Village members, and act as advocates for older adults. By strengthening the bonds between neighbors and recognizing the invaluable skills and knowledge held by older adults, VitV hopes to provide a greater quality of life for all community members.

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

To authorize City Council to enter into a grant agreement with the Clintonville-Beechwold Community Resources Center in support of the Village in the Ville program; and to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund. (\$10,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Clintonville-Beechwold Community Resources Center is a community partner that provides essential services to those residents in need of support and assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Village in the Ville program promotes health, wellness, and independence among older residents through person-centered volunteer support, referral services, transportation to medical appointments, and assistance with basic everyday tasks; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of fostering an age-friendly Columbus, this Council deems it an effective use of funds to partner with the Clintonville-Beechwold Community Resources Center in support of the Village in the Ville program with a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the city to authorize Council to enter into a grant agreement with Clintonville-Beechwold Community Resources Center; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That City Council is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Clintonville-Beechwold Community Resources Center in support of the Village in the Ville program.

SECTION 2. 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 Columbus City Council, in Object Class 03 - Contractual Services, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$10,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the actions authorized in SECTION 1, is hereby authorized in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, in Object Class 03 - Contractual Services, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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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 legislation.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall be in effect at the earliest date allowable under law.