



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the payments to employers who have met the requirements of their Jobs Growth Incentive Program (JGI) agreement and are eligible for payment for the 2016 reporting (tax) year. Emergency action is requested so that the City can encumber funds for the purposes of expenditure prior to the end of this calendar year, 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT: For tax year 2016 (also calendar year), the City of Columbus had a total of twenty-eight (28) active and reporting JGI projects for which employers have met the requirements of their JGI agreements and thus are eligible to receive their payments for calendar year 2016. Twenty-six (26) of these projects have previously been authorized for payment; the remaining two (2) projects - Apelles, LLC and JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA - are addressed via this legislation. The total dollar amount to be appropriated for the purposes of expenditure is \$2,600,000.

The 2017 General Fund budget (citywide account) includes funding for these payments. A transfer equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the payments will be transferred from the Special Income Tax Fund. The transfer amount of \$650,000 has been factored into the current special income tax analysis and resultant capital capacity.

To authorize and direct the City Auditor to transfer an amount not to exceed \$2,600,000.00 within the general fund; to authorize and direct the City Auditor to appropriate and transfer \$650,000.00 in cash from the Special Income Tax Fund to the general fund; to authorize and direct the City Auditor to make payments in an amount not to exceed a total of \$2,600,000.00 in accordance with the Jobs Growth Incentive (JGI) Program for which Apelles, LLC and JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA have met the requirements of their JGI agreements and thus are eligible to receive their payments for 2016; to authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$2,600,000.00 from the general fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$2,600,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Columbus Jobs Growth Incentive Program is one of the development tools utilized by the City of Columbus to encourage new job creation; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize payments to employers who have met the requirements under their Jobs Growth Incentive Program agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus had a total of twenty-eight (28) active and reporting JGI projects for which employers have met the requirements of their JGI agreements and thus are eligible to receive their payments for calendar year 2016 in 2017; and

WHEREAS, two (2) of these projects, Apelles, LLC and JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA, are addressed via this legislation (the twenty-six (26) other projects have been addressed previously via separate legislation) and the total dollar amount to be encumbered for the purposes of expenditure for these two additional JGI payments is \$2,600,000; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary at this time to authorize the transfer for the purposes of expenditure an amount not to exceed \$2,600,000 for payments related to the JGI program; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the transfer of funds for the purposes of expenditure in accordance with the Jobs Growth Incentive Program agreements, all for the preservation of the public health, property, safety; and welfare; **NOW, THEREFORE**

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

SECTION 1. That the transfer of \$2,600,000 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized between the Department of Finance & Management and the Department of Development within fund 1000 general fund per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 2. That from the unappropriated monies and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017, the sum of \$650,000 is appropriated in Fund 4300 Special Income Tax Fund in Object Class 10 Unallocated Balance per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the transfer of \$650,000 in cash only or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized to fund 1000 general fund per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to make payments when initiated by the Director of Development in accordance with the Jobs Growth Incentive agreements to Apelles, LLC and JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA.

SECTION 5. That for the purpose stated in Section 4, the appropriation for the purposes of expenditure of \$2,600,000 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in fund 1000 general fund in Object Class 05 Other Expenditures per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 6. 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.