



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The City of Columbus health statistics show an increase in disease associated with obesity and a sedentary lifestyle. To encourage healthy and active living, Columbus Public Health has budgeted \$20,000.00 in the Health Special Revenue Fund for making grants to non-profit organizations for community gardening projects. City Council wishes to support this project and has made available in the Neighborhood Initiatives Fund an additional \$10,000.00.

The purpose of this ordinance is to appropriate funds in the Neighborhood Initiatives Fund, authorize the expenditure from the Health Special Revenue Operating Fund and Neighborhood Initiatives Fund and to authorize the payment of \$30,000.00 to The Columbus Foundation, Foundation for Active Living for the management of the 2018 Community Gardening Project.

The Community Garden Initiative supports the city's effort to build a fair and sustainable food system. As one part of the Local Food Action Plan, gardens also improve access and education related to healthy, affordable, local food. Since 2010, Columbus City Council has supported 222 gardens with funding of \$141,280. In 2017, a record 36 gardens including 8 new ones were supported by more than 700 volunteers. In addition, 17 of the gardens were able to secure additional funding from other sources as a result of having received this grant.

The Foundation for Active Living is a donor-advised fund that was established by the Columbus Board of Health with The Columbus Foundation in 2008 under the authority of Ordinance No. 1210-2008, approved by City Council on July 14, 2008. Ordinance No. 0493-2011, approved by City Council on April 4, 2011, amended the agreement with The Columbus Foundation by authorizing The Columbus Foundation, Foundation for Active Living to accept funds from the city.

This ordinance is submitted as an emergency so as to allow this appropriation and the expenditure to be received by The Columbus Foundation, Foundation for Active Living as soon as possible for the development of community gardens.

FISCAL IMPACT: A total of \$30,000.00 has been designated for this project. Funding for this ordinance is available in the amount of \$20,000.00 in the Health Special Revenue Fund and \$10,000.00 in City Council's Neighborhood Initiatives Fund.

To authorize and direct the appropriation of \$10,000.00 within the Neighborhood Initiatives Fund; to authorize the expenditure of \$20,000.00 from the Health Special Revenue Fund and \$10,000.00 from the Neighborhood Initiatives Fund to pay The Columbus Foundation, Foundation for Active Living, for the management of the 2018 Community Gardening Projects; and to declare an emergency. (\$30,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus would like to encourage healthy and active living to address the increase in diseases associated with obesity and sedentary lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, community gardens are a great way to promote healthy foods and to offer local youth a way to learn something new about food and gardening; and

WHEREAS, \$20,000.00 from the Health Special Revenue Fund and \$10,000.00 from the Neighborhood Initiatives Fund will be expended to The Columbus Foundation, Foundation of Active Living for the management of the 2018 Community Gardening Project; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation for Active Living, a donor-advised fund established at The Columbus Foundation by the Columbus Board of Health under the authority of Ordinance No. 1210-2008 and modified by Ordinance No. 0493-2011, is qualified and able to direct the funds for the management of the community gardens in Central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to allow the appropriation and expenditure of city monies to The Columbus Foundation as soon as possible to distribute funding to local community gardens to ensure a successful start to the 2018 growing season and for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; 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, Fund 1000, Subfund No. 100018, and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources for the period ending December 31, 2018, the sum of \$10,000.00 is hereby appropriated to the Health Dept, Division No. 2250.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$20,000.00 from the Health Special Revenue Fund, Fund No. 2250, and the expenditure of \$10,000.00 from the Neighborhood Initiatives Fund, Fund No. 1000, Subfund No. 100018 is hereby authorized to pay The Columbus Foundation, Foundation of Active Living, for the management of the 2018 Community Gardening Project, as specified in the ordinance attachment.

SECTION 3. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 4. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is 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.