



## Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes Columbus City Council to enter into contract with Microcosm Community Improvement Corporation in support of the Commission on Black Girls.

This request is to provide funding for Microcosm Community Improvement Corporation (Microcosm CIC) for work related to the Commission on Black Girls. Microcosm CIC specializes in facilitating and managing relationships between stakeholders including public officials, business owners and community advocates. The Corporation will coordinate the community engagement and communications needed to recruit Girls who will participate in the research that will be conducted for the Commission on Black Girls. In addition, Microcosm CIC will organize the logistics for the research that will be done. The three major research components which Microcosm CIC will be involved in include listening sessions, surveys, and focus groups.

Services performed by Microcosm CIC are essential to the research that is needed for the Commission on Black Girls. The Commission is being established to study and assess the quality of life of Black girls in Central Ohio. Further, the Commission will develop and implement recommendations to ensure opportunities, successful futures, and the achievement of a high quality of life for Black girls in Columbus. Focusing on girls ages 11-22 the Commission will first participate in fact-finding and education to learn more about the current quality of life Black girls in Columbus.

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

**Emergency action** is requested in order to have the necessary resources in place to immediately undertake the work associated with the Commission on Black Girls.

To authorize Columbus City Council to enter into contract with Microcosm Community Improvement Corporation in support of the Commission on Black Girls; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$4,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, the Commission on Black Girls will develop and implement recommendations to ensure opportunities, successful futures, and the achievement of a high quality of life for Black girls in Columbus; and

**WHEREAS**, Microcosm Community Investment Corporation specializes in facilitating and managing relationships between stakeholders including public officials, business owners and community advocates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporation will coordinate the community engagement and communications needed to recruit Girls who will participate in the research that will be conducted for the Commission on Black Girls; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily business of the city in that it is immediately necessary to authorize a contract with Microcosm CIC in order to have the resources in place to serve the Commission on Black Girls without delay; now, therefore,

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

**SECTION 1.** That Columbus City Council is hereby authorized to enter into contract with Microcosm Community Improvement Corporation in support of the Commission on Black Girls.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$4,000.00 in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, to Columbus City Council per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** That the expenditure of \$4,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the action authorized in SECTION 1 of this ordinance, is hereby authorized in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018 per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** 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.