



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement in support of the I Am Community Festival.

The I Am Community Festival is a production of the We Are Foundation. The purpose of the We Are Foundation is to encourage humanitarian efforts that make a difference, and leave positive footprints within the community.

The I Am Community Festival will be held in September 2018. This festival is the result of a Dream to see Unity Common amongst neighbors in the 43203 and 43205 zip codes. This year, the theme is "Let's Make Community Great Again!"

The festival will target the following constituents throughout the Capital City: young families, young professionals, single mothers, and the elderly. The foundation is seeking a positive outcome within the near east side of Columbus and promoting unity in the community. They believe it is important to help continue the unification of individuals and to provide them with a safe environment to gather.

The I Am Community Festival will feature multiple organizations together in one location, along with the residents of the community, in an effort to bridge the gap on violence and crime. There will be informational tables which will provide beneficial info regarding topics such as, first time home buying, local food banks, and many other outreach programs available.

The event will be free of charge and open to the public. It will also provide a kid friendly environment, which will foster great family fun for both parents and their children.

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

Emergency action is requested in order to provide the We Are Foundation with the resources in time for planning of the September event.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement in support of the I Am Community Festival; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$7,000.00)

WHEREAS, the purpose of the We Are Foundation is to encourage humanitarian efforts that make a difference, and leave positive footprints within the community; and

WHEREAS, the We Are Foundation produces the I Am Community Festival, which will feature multiple organizations together in one location, along with the residents of the community, in an effort to bridge the gap on violence and crime; and

WHEREAS, in alignment with its goal to reduce neighborhood violence and increase community collaboration, this Council deems it an effective use of funds to support the We Are Foundation in its planning efforts to produce the I Am Community Festival; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily business of the city in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a grant agreement in support of the I Am Community Festival in order to provide resources in advance of the September event; **now, therefore**,

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a grant agreement in support of the I Am Community Festival.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$7,000.00 in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, to the Department of Development per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$7,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the action authorized by 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.