



Legislation Text

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Mayor Ginther's vision for Columbus, America's Opportunity City, is that every 4-year-old in Columbus has access to a high-quality prekindergarten education. To meet this goal, the City must engage organizations that are positioned to assist in this effort.

Therefore, the Department of Education requests permission to contract with *FutureReady* Columbus to provide ongoing technical support for the CeeHiVE data platform. CeeHiVE is a cloud-based web application that prekindergarten providers use to assimilate enrollment, assessment and attendance data and allows teachers to make real-time decisions on instruction. CeeHiVE can help improve program outcomes and increase effectiveness through its unique dashboard and reporting capabilities.

Previously, support for the CeeHiVE data platform was funded by the Department of Education and included in an omnibus appropriation to the organization. This year, the Department of Education requests to fund the CeeHiVE program separately. Ordinance 0892-2018 provided funding to FutureReady Columbus to help to implement a kindergarten readiness success strategy that focuses on prekindergarten awareness, prekindergarten expansion, prekindergarten research, and a universal prekindergarten funding strategy. In previous years these appropriations were combined.

This contract is being awarded pursuant to Section 329, which allows for the City to negotiate not-for-profit service contracts. This organization was selected due to their prior experience and success in providing the same services in 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding for this contract (\$200,000.00) is available within the 2018 Department of Education General Fund budget.

EMERGENGECY JUSTIFICATION: Emergency designation is requested so that *FutureReady* Columbus can begin to provide technical support and training to prekindergarten teachers.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Education to enter into a contract with *FutureReady* Columbus to provide ongoing technical support for the CeeHiVE data platform, a program necessary to achieve the Mayor's goal that every 4-year-old in Columbus has access to a high-quality prekindergarten education; to authorize the expenditure of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$200,000.00)

WHEREAS, Mayor Ginther's vision for Columbus, America's Opportunity City, is that every 4-year-old in Columbus has access to a high-quality prekindergarten education; and

WHEREAS, *FutureReady* Columbus is a public/private organization focused on supporting a "cradle through career" approach to education and workforce excellence in the Columbus region; and

WHEREAS, *FutureReady* Columbus provides ongoing technical support to prekindergarten providers for the CeeHiVE data platform; and

WHEREAS, CeeHiVE data can help improve early education program outcomes and increase effectiveness through its unique dashboard and reporting capabilities; and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded pursuant to City Code Chapter 329, which allows for the City to negotiate not

-for-profit service contracts; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Education in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of the Department of Education to enter into a contract with FutureReady Columbus and expend such funds for the preservation of public health, peace, property, and safety; **NOW, THEREFORE:**

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Department of Education is authorized to enter into a contract with *FutureReady* Columbus to provide ongoing technical support for the CeeHiVE data platform.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$200,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized to be expended from the General Fund as follows: (**See attachment 1894-2018 EXP**)

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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 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 for 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.