



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes Columbus City Council to enter into contract with Drs. Chenelle Jones and Alexander Heckman for the provision of a municipal identification feasibility study.

Under the direction of Columbus City Council, Drs. Jones and Heckman will research the feasibility of creating a municipal ID program in the City of Columbus and present best practices and program options. By examining selected municipalities that demonstrate best practices and/or are demographically similar to Columbus, the study will offer city officials guidance about how to successfully implement a municipal ID program if the research reflects feasibility and if the city so chooses.

Quantitative and qualitative data will be collected using electronic academic databases, professional publications, surveys, interviews, and focus groups with relevant stakeholders. Specific stakeholders that will be interviewed or surveyed include city administrators, law enforcement officials, residents, and other relevant stakeholders in cities that have implemented municipal ID programs or that have considered implementing an ID program and declined to do so. The mixed methods approach will allow researchers to obtain a comprehensive understanding of the benefits and challenges of implementing a municipal ID program.

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

To authorize Columbus City Council to enter into contract with Drs. Chenelle Jones and Alexander Heckman for the provision of a municipal identification feasibility study; and to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund. (\$9,500.00)

WHEREAS, municipal identification programs can provide significant benefits and access to services that may otherwise not be available to disadvantaged populations such as foster care youth, homeless individuals, immigrants, restored citizens, or survivors of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of Columbus City Council, Drs. Jones and Heckman will research the feasibility of creating a municipal ID program in the City of Columbus and present best practices and program options; and

WHEREAS, the study will offer city officials guidance about how to successfully implement a municipal ID program if the research reflects feasibility and if the city so chooses; **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 Drs. Chenelle Jones and Alexander Heckman for the provision of a municipal identification feasibility study.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$9,500.00 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 \$9,500.00 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 this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest date allowed by law.