



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes Columbus City Council to enter into a grant agreement with the Uplift Outreach Foundation in support of their End The Violence initiative.

The End The Violence (ETC) program seeks to stem violent activity with a bottom-up approach through direct intervention with those most likely or most at-risk to commit violent acts. ETV utilizes community members with the reputation and experience to deal directly with those whose activities and behaviors are most likely to result in violent acts. They then seek to redirect those individuals to alternative interventions, such as job training, works programs, and mentorships.

Fiscal Impact: Funds are available within the Public Safety Initiatives subfund.

Emergency action is requested in order to avoid any delay in providing the Uplift Outreach Foundation with the resources necessary to sustain their End The Violence initiative.

To authorize Columbus City Council to enter into a grant agreement with the Uplift Outreach Foundation in support of their End The Violence initiative; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Public Safety Initiatives subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$25,000.00)

WHEREAS, chronic violence has a severe, long-lasting impact to community residents that are constantly exposed to trauma, leading to cognitive and/or mood disorders, anxiety, depression, and feelings of helplessness; and

WHEREAS, violence has a similar long-lasting effect on neighborhoods, resulting in economic stagnation, depressed housing or unsafe living conditions, and lack of youth opportunities; and

WHEREAS, through its End The Violence initiative, Uplift Outreach Foundation seeks to stem the tide of violence by using experienced and reputable community members to provide direct, street-level intervention and redirection; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City in that it is immediately necessary to authorize Columbus City Council to enter into a grant agreement with the Uplift Outreach Foundation in order to avoid any delay in providing the resources necessary to sustain their End The Violence initiative; 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 the Uplift Outreach Foundation in support of their End The Violence initiative.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$25,000.00 in the Public Safety Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100016, to Columbus City Council, in Object Class 03 - Contractual Services, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$25,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the actions authorized in SECTION 1, is hereby authorized in the Public Safety Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100016, in Object Class 03 - Contractual Services, 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.