



## 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*, a public/private organization focused on supporting a "cradle through career" approach to education and workforce excellence in the Columbus region. Their mission is to know and support every child by coordinating existing services, empowering families, and promoting innovation.

*FutureReady Columbus* will work to develop a comprehensive birth-5 strategy to ensure the success of all Columbus children.

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 2018.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding for this contract (\$400,000.00) is available within the 2019 Department of Education General Fund budget.

**EMERGENGECY JUSTIFICATION:** Emergency designation is requested so that *FutureReady Columbus* can proceed in the development of this crucial work.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Education to enter into contract with *FutureReady Columbus* for activities related to the achievement of the Mayor's goal that every 4-year-old in Columbus has access to a high-quality prekindergarten education; to authorize the expenditure of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00) from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$400,000.00)

**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**, the mission of *FutureReady Columbus* is to know and support every child by coordinating existing services, empowering families, and promoting innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, *FutureReady Columbus* will collaboratively work to employ an innovative birth - 5 strategy to achieve the Mayor's goal; 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 for the development of a comprehensive birth-5 strategy to ensure the success of all Columbus children.

**SECTION 2.** That the expenditure of \$400,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized to be expended from the General Fund as follows: **(See attachment 0495-2019 EXP)**

**Div.:** 42-01 | **Fund:** 1000 | **SubFund:** 100010 | **Obj. Class:** 03 | **Main Acct:** 63050 | **Program:** ED001 | **Amount:** \$400,000.00

**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.