



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes Columbus City Council to enter into a grant agreement with Kaleidoscope Youth Center in support of the organization's KYC Connections program.

Kaleidoscope Youth Center (KYC) is the largest and longest standing organization serving LGBTQIA+ youth in the state of Ohio. Since 1994, KYC has been the leader and expert in meeting the needs of and supporting LGBTQIA+ young people in the central Ohio community. This year, the organization's 25th year, KYC is growing the capacity to serve, support, and further meet the emerging needs of young people in central Ohio, with an expanded focus on wellness, independent living/life skills, and addressing the needs of homeless and housing insecure/vulnerable youth.

KYC Connections is a program that will provide coordinated, direct access to services and resources to support transition-aged young people in obtaining and maintaining self-sufficiency and thriving. KYC Connections will serve as the initial point of contact for young people in need of community support. Upon initial contact, participants will engage in an intake and assessment to determine their immediate and longer term needs. Once a direction has been established, appropriate referrals will be made and an individual support plan will be developed. Outcomes will be achieved through establishing trauma-informed and culturally-responsive community-based approaches to quickly identify and link individuals to services and other critical supports.

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

To authorize Columbus City Council to enter into a grant agreement with Kaleidoscope Youth Center in support of the organization's KYC Connections program; and to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund. (\$25,000.00)

WHEREAS, since 1994, KYC has been the leader and expert in meeting the needs of and supporting LGBTQIA+ young people in the central Ohio community; and

WHEREAS, this year, the organization's 25th year, KYC is growing the capacity to serve, support, and further meet the emerging needs of young people in central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, KYC Connections is a program that will provide coordinated, direct access to services and resources to support transition-aged young people in obtaining and maintaining self-sufficiency and thriving; and

WHEREAS, Council deems it an effective use of funds to support Kaleidoscope Youth Center's KYC Connection program in order to build and enhance culturally-responsive youth services and programming; **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 a grant agreement with Kaleidoscope Youth Center in support of the organization's KYC Connections program.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$25,000.00 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 \$25,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the actions authorized in SECTION 1, 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 at the earliest date allowable under law.