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This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into a grant agreement with the Children's Hunger Alliance in support of the organization's summer meals program.

Food security for children living in poverty remains a critical concern within Columbus neighborhoods. The issue is especially profound during the summer months, when children who may normally receive a free or reduced lunch during the school year lose access to those meals when school is not in session. In partnership with the Department of Recreation and Parks and Columbus City Schools, the Children's Hunger Alliance will pilot five open summer meal sites during the summer of 2019.

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

Emergency action is requested in order to avoid any delay in providing the resources necessary for the operation of summer food sites.

To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into a grant agreement with the Children's Hunger Alliance in support of the organization's summer meals program; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund; and to declare an emergency. ($100,000.00)

WHEREAS, food security for children living in poverty remains a critical concern within Columbus neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Hunger Alliance will pilot five open summer meal sites during the summer of 2019; and

WHEREAS, this Council deems it an effective use of funds to support the Children's Hunger Alliance in their effort to provide food security to food-insecure children; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily business of the Department of Recreation and Parks in that it is immediately necessary to authorize a grant agreement with the Children's Hunger Alliance to avoid any disruption in the operations of the summer food sites; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a grant agreement with the Children's Hunger Alliance in support of the organization's summer meals program.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate $100,000.00 in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, to the Department of Recreation and Parks per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of $100,000.00 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 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 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.

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