



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into a grant agreement with Gladden Community House in support of its Youth Team Sports program.

Gladden Community House has served the Franklinton and near west side neighborhoods since 1905. For over four decades Gladden has provided a large, year-round community-based team sports program for community children. In 2018, the youth team sports program engaged 536 children and 57 community volunteer coaches, providing 14,677 hours of healthy, constructive, positive activity for Franklinton and near west side children.

The opportunity for youth team sports in Franklinton has become more limited over the years. Gladden Community House team sports program is critical in maintaining the outreach necessary for the youth of the Franklinton community to experience positive, healthy sports activity.

Gladden is fortunately located where the youth live, learn, and play, in the center of the Franklinton community. The program draws its youth heavily from schools and the surrounding neighborhood. In addition, Gladden provides preschool and afterschool programs that draw large numbers of youth into the team sports program.

Gladden additionally coordinates the Kids Inner City Soccer League serving inner city youth from throughout central Columbus. This league includes teams from multiple organizations, including settlement houses, charter schools, YMCA, Boys & Girls Club, and Independent League-CAP City, with the majority of teams in KIDS coming from Department of Recreation and Parks community centers.

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

To authorize the Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks to enter into a grant agreement with Gladden Community House in support of its Youth Team Sports program; and to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund. (\$60,000.00)

WHEREAS, Gladden Community House has served the Franklinton and near west side neighborhoods since 1905; and

WHEREAS, Gladden's youth team sports program engaged 536 children and 57 community volunteer coaches, providing 14,677 hours of healthy, constructive, positive activity for Franklinton and near west side children; and

WHEREAS, Gladden Community House team sports program is critical in maintaining the outreach necessary for the youth of the Franklinton community to experience positive, healthy sports activity; and

WHEREAS, this Council deems it an effective use of funds to support and sustain the youth team sports program in an effort to provide recreational opportunities for neighborhoods; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Gladden Community House in support of its Youth Team Sports program.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$60,000.00 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 \$60,000.00 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 this ordinance shall take effect at the earliest date allowable under law.