



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes Columbus City Council to enter into contract with Lyons Counseling and Consultation Services in support of the Commission on Black Girls.

Lyons Counseling & Consultation Services will work as the primary consultant to facilitate the work of the Commission on Black Girls. The scope of the work to be performed for projects related to the Commission on Black Girls for the period of April 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019 is as follows:

Consultation: Serve as the subject matter expert (SME) in day-to-day management and support to the Commission on Black Girls (COBG). Manage the flow of information and communication between the COBG, the community and Columbus City Council. Develop resource data relevant to the work of the COBG while providing current literature on social determinants of health, social and health disparities and the impact of race and implicit bias on the quality of life for Black girls.

Facilitation: Facilitation shall include day-to-day management to support activities including strategic discourse with COBG and SMEs, planning and arranging, scheduling, scripting and the format to which the COBG quarterly meetings shall operate. Finalize in accordance and with prior approval for compilation of prior writings, reports, data points and literature reviews. Facilitation would coincide with consultations for the overall impact of delivering a comprehensive output of services.

Collaboration: Working with key stakeholders and establishing new partners as the work for the COBG is framed. Collaborative efforts would involve establishing relationships with Brand Placement experts, Academic and Education Institutes and Schools, Public, Private and Alternative Schools Systems, Service Providers, Independent Practitioners, Social Groups, Panhellenic Groups, Empowerment Programs, Child Welfare and Protection Organizations, Juvenile Justice and City Safety Services, Health Departments and Neighborhood Health Clinics, Data and Research Organizations, Housing and Economic organizations, Policy Institutes, Elected Officials and Community Leaders. Consult with Brand placement and design organization and Commission members on signature event and program development.

About the Commission on Black Girls: Racial disparities persist in various economic and social outcomes. Income, wealth, educational attainment, and health all have trends that highlight the persistence of the challenges that have resulted from historical realities. Inequities continue to present significant challenges in the lives of Black women even from their childhood.

In order to change the trajectory of Black women, it is important to focus on Black girls and position Black girls “at promise” as opposed to “at risk”. On July 16, 2018 Columbus City Council adopted resolution 0208-2018 to create a Commission on Black Girls, sponsored by Council Member Priscilla R. Tyson. The twenty-five member Commission is composed of key community stakeholders representing private, public and non-profit organizations.

The Commission will study and assess the current quality of life for Black girls’ ages 11-22, residing in central Ohio. Intervening in the experiences of Black females while they are still girls may be the most effective way of improving their future outcomes. The Commission has engaged in six months of intensive fact finding and hearing from subject-matter experts on the current issues (social determinants) that impact the quality of life for Black girls. Through the culmination of analytic results from listening sessions, focus groups, literature reviews, expert discourse and survey results, the

Commission will develop and implement recommendations to ensure opportunities, successful futures and the achievement of a high quality of life for Black girls. Using data to transform lives of Black girls, the Commission will exist through December 2020.

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

To authorize Columbus City Council to enter into contract with Lyons Counseling and Consultation Services in support of the Commission on Black Girls; and to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund. (\$36,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Commission on Black Girls will study and assess the current quality of life for Black girls ages 11-22, residing in central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, to date, the Commission has engaged in six months of intensive fact finding and hearing from subject-matter experts on the current issues and social determinants that impact the quality of life for Black girls; and

WHEREAS, through the culmination of analytic results from listening sessions, focus groups, literature reviews, expert discourse and survey results, the Commission will develop and implement recommendations to ensure opportunities, successful futures and the achievement of a high quality of life for Black girls; and

WHEREAS, Lyons Counseling & Consultation Services will work as the primary consultant to facilitate the work of the Commission on Black Girls; 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 Lyons Counseling and Consultation Services in support of the Commission on Black Girls.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to appropriate \$36,000.00 in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, 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 \$36,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the actions authorized in SECTION 1, is hereby authorized per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. 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 5. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.