



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** The Department of Finance and Management seeks to establish a Special Purpose Sub-Fund titled “Columbus Building Construction Trades Community Benefits Fund” (Community Benefits Fund), which is authorized to accept funds from public and private sources for the purpose of promoting skilled trades career development activities in the greater Columbus community.

In October 2017, the City of Columbus entered into a Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) with the Columbus Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO (CBCTC) and its affiliates and members (Unions). This agreement, the first of its kind in the history of Columbus, enhances cooperation between workers and the City, eliminates the risk of delays and disruption to the project due to labor disputes, guarantees local workforce a percentage of the project work; and offers benefits to the community such as apprenticeships, focused job recruitment, and diversity and inclusion plans. It should be noted that the City anticipates entering into other CBA’s for future projects that are yet to be determined. Furthermore, CBAs sets local workforce goals for Franklin County and the City of Columbus. These agreements establish the formation of a Community and Workforce & Apprenticeship Committee, which is made up of representatives from the CBCTC, the City of Columbus, and community partners, dedicated to the advancement of minorities, as well as women and low-income residents.

In accordance with current and future CBAs, this Community Benefits Fund shall be authorized to accept funds from the CBCTC and its affiliates and members, as well as the City of Columbus and other public and private sources that may wish to contribute funding for the purpose of promoting career development in the area of skilled trades.

Proceeds from these receipts shall be used to provide scholarships to City of Columbus residents enrolled in apprenticeship programs, job recruitment and training activities, community education and outreach events, diversity and inclusion planning, and other items related skilled trades career development activities.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Proceeds of the CBCTC, the City of Columbus, as well as other public and private sources will be deposited into this Special Purpose Sub-Fund to be used for career development activities in the area of skilled trades.

**Emergency action** is requested to ensure that this Special Purpose Sub-Fund can be established promptly so that skilled trades promotion, and career development activities in the greater Columbus community can begin as soon as possible.

To authorize the City Auditor to create a Special Purpose Sub-Fund titled Columbus Building Construction Trades Community Benefits Fund (Community Benefits Fund) for the purpose of depositing proceeds received from public and private sources and that such funds shall be used for the purpose of promoting career development in the skilled trades sector; to appropriate an amount up to, but not to exceed, the cash in the fund not encumbered for any other purpose; and to authorize the expenditure of said funds received for such purposes, and to declare an emergency.

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Finance and Management seeks to establish a Special Purpose Sub-Fund titled “Columbus Building Construction Trades Community Benefits Fund”; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this Special Purpose Sub-Fund is to carry out career development activities related to the skilled trades sector of our local economy, such as (but not limited to) providing scholarships to City of Columbus residents enrolled in apprenticeship programs, job recruitment and training activities, community education and outreach events, and diversity and inclusion planning; and

**WHEREAS**, these activities will benefit the community by enhancing cooperation between workers and the City, eliminating the risk of delays and disruption due to labor disputes, guaranteeing local workforce participation and offering benefits to the community, such as apprenticeships, focused job recruitment, and diversity and inclusion planning, and

**WHEREAS**, all City procurement procedures will be followed for purchases related to this special purpose fund; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Finance and Management Department, Fleet Management Division, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the establishment of a Community Benefits Special Purpose Sub-Fund for the purpose of promoting skilled trades career development activities in the greater Columbus community, thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; **NOW, THEREFORE**

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

**SECTION 1.** That a Special Purpose Sub-Fund titled “Columbus Building Construction Trades Community Benefits Fund” shall be established, within the Special Purpose Fund 2223, for the receipt of Community Benefit Agreement related revenues.

**SECTION 2.** That this Special Purpose Sub-Fund be authorized to accept funds from public and private sources and that such funds shall be used for the purpose of promoting career development in the skilled trades sector.

**SECTION 3.** That the transfer of \$50,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized between the Department of Building and Zoning Services Special Purpose Fund 2223, and the Department of Finance and Management Special Purpose Sub-Fund per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** Any such future deposits as the City may receive are hereby deemed to be appropriated and the City Auditor is hereby authorized to pay such amounts thereof, in accordance with payments made according to the agreements in place for the Columbus Building Construction Trades Community Benefits Fund.

**SECTION 5.** That the Director of Finance and Management is hereby empowered to expend funds for activities such as (but not limited to) providing scholarships to City of Columbus residents enrolled in apprenticeship programs, job recruitment and training activities, community education and outreach events, and diversity and inclusion planning.

**SECTION 6.** That all purchases related to this Special Purpose Sub-Fund will be made in accordance with all City procurement procedures.

**SECTION 7.** That the monies in the Special Purpose Sub-Fund created in Section 1 of this ordinance shall be deemed appropriated in an amount up to, but not to exceed, the cash in the fund not encumbered for any other purpose, and that no money shall be paid there from except by voucher approved by the City Auditor.

**SECTION 8.** That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure and shall take effect and be enforced from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.