



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes Columbus City Council to enter into a grant agreement with the Clintonville Beechwold Community Resource Center in support of their Senior Supportive Services program.

The Community Beechwold Community Resource Center (CBCRC) is a neighborhood-based Settlement House with a wide array of services and 48 years of experience. All services are aimed at keeping seniors independent and living in their own homes for as long as possible. The CBCRC's relationships with seniors are based on trust and a supportive, strength-based, relationship. Seniors know that when their initial need is met, Senior Supportive Services Program will provide help and referrals for other needs like housing, clothing, finances and other basic needs. Clients have access to CRC's Choice Food Pantry, home visits, health assistance, social outings, grocery trips, and more. The CBCRC also provides advocacy for clients when they must navigate complex systems like Medicare and subsidized housing.

In 2018, CRC's Senior Supportive Services Program served 577 unduplicated clients, age 60+ in 3 zip codes (43202, 43214, & 43224). Just as the number of seniors are growing, so has the Senior Supportive Services Program. Since 2013, this program has seen a 48% increase in clients in the program. Further, the seniors served by the program are vulnerable. For example, in 2018, 45% CRC senior clients are age 75+ and 59% make less than \$19,000 a year.

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

Emergency action is requested in order to avoid any delay in providing funding in support of critical services for senior residents.

To authorize Columbus City Council to enter into a grant agreement with the Clintonville Beechwold Community Resource Center in support of their Senior Supportive Services program; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$40,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Community Beechwold Community Resource Center (CBCRC) is a neighborhood-based Settlement House with a wide array of services and 48 years of experience; and

WHEREAS, the CBCRC's relationships with seniors are based on trust and a supportive, strength-based relationship; and

WHEREAS, the CBCRC's Senior Supportive Services Program will provide help and referrals for other needs like housing, clothing, finances and other basic needs; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in that it is immediately necessary to authorize a grant agreement with the Clintonville Beechwold Community Resource Center in order to avoid any delay in providing funding in support of critical services for senior residents for the preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety; **now, therefore**,

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

SECTION 1. That Columbus City Council is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a grant agreement with the Clintonville Beechwold Community Resource Center in support of their Senior Supportive Services program.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$40,000.00 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 \$40,000.00 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 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.