



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes Columbus City Council to enter into contract with PMM in support of their work with the Commission on Black Girls to provide COVID-19 outreach efforts to Black girls.

In today's unprecedented times, African-Americans continue to be disproportionately impacted across social, economic and educational lines. Young Black girls have disproportionately been impacted during the crisis of COVID-19 to further increase the systemic inequities of race, gender, mental health and wellness, civic and social injustices along with the areas that affect them such as trauma, chronic depression, anxiety, raising siblings and victims of bullying, detentions/suspension and expulsion.

Spearheaded by the Commission on Black Girls, PMM will design COVID-19 programming to align with the economic, academic, and mental health and emotional well-being impacting Black girls. PMM will also build a destination resource platform/tool for COVID-19 relief designed to educate, enlighten, empower and engage young black girls in a meaningful way.

A bid waiver is requested in order to provide for the most efficient deployment of services recommended by the Commission on Black Girls.

Fiscal Impact: Funding is available within the CARES Act fund.

Emergency action is requested to avoid any delay in providing the resources necessary to respond to the increased demand as a function of the COVID-19 pandemic.

To authorize Columbus City Council to contract with PMM in support of their work with the Commission on Black Girls to provide COVID-19 outreach efforts to Black girls; to authorize a transfer of appropriations within and an expenditure from the CARES Act Fund; to authorize a waiver of the competitive bidding provisions of Columbus City Codes; and to declare an emergency. (\$634,000.00)

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

WHEREAS, young Black girls have disproportionately been impacted during the crisis of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Black Girls plans to work with PMM to provide cross-functional, multi-channeled strategic approach will be implemented to advance a movement to uplift, empower, establish equity and create a community of caring for Black girls in Columbus; and

WHEREAS, it is in the City's best interest to waive the competitive bidding requirements of City Code to enter into this contract; and

WHEREAS, expenditure of CARES Act funding to support PMM is necessary to address the elevated demand caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, such expenditure of funds has not been previously accounted for in the 2020 Budget; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City of Columbus in that it is immediately necessary to authorize City Council to enter into contract with PMM in support of their COVID-19 outreach efforts to black girls in order to respond to the increased demand as a function of the COVID-19 pandemic, for the preservation of the public health, peace, property and safety; 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 PMM in support of their work with the Commission on Black Girls to provide COVID-19 outreach efforts to black girls.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to transfer appropriations within the CARES Act fund, fund 2207, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That per the action authorized in Section 1 of this ordinance, the expenditure of \$634,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That this Council finds that it is in the City's best interest to waive the competitive bidding provisions of Chapter 329 of City Code to enter into this contract.

SECTION 5. 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.