



Legislation Text

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The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize Columbus City Council to enter into a grant agreement with Columbus Early Learning Centers to provide assistance to the organization in response to the financial hardship experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic. Columbus City Council is supporting this program with \$112,000.00 in funding from the CARES Act fund.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION: Emergency action is requested in order to immediately provide the funds necessary to assist residents in need.

FISCAL IMPACT: Total appropriation is \$112,000.00 and is available within the CARES Act fund.

To authorize Columbus City Council to enter into a grant agreement with Columbus Early Learning Centers to provide assistance to the organization in response to the financial hardship experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic; to authorize a transfer of appropriation and an expenditure within the CARES Act fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$112,000.00)

WHEREAS, human service organizations have experienced a significant increase in demand as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, expenditure of CARES Act funding will be used to provide assistance to eligible nonprofit human service agencies for eligible expenses and losses caused by, or in response to, the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the modified grant will be funded with Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act; 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 that it is immediately necessary to authorize City Council to enter into a grant agreement with Columbus Early Learning Centers to avoid any delay in providing critically-needed resources to meet the demands of residents during the COVID-19 pandemic, for the public health, safety and welfare; **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 a grant agreement with Columbus Early Learning Centers to provide assistance to the organization in response to the financial hardship experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SECTION 2. That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to transfer appropriations within the CARES Act fund, fund 2207, subfund 220702, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That with regard to the action authorized in Section 1 of this ordinance, the expenditure of \$112,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized within the CARES Act fund, fund 2207, subfund 220702, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. Funds are hereby deemed appropriated and expenditures and transfers authorized to carry out the purposes of this ordinance, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 5. 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 ordinance.

SECTION 6. 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 approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.