



Legislation Text

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Mayor Ginther's vision for Columbus, America's Opportunity City, is that every child in Columbus is ready for kindergarten. To meet this goal, the City must engage organizations that are positioned to assist in this effort.

Therefore, the Department of Education requests permission to contract with Future Ready Columbus, a public/private organization focused on supporting a prenatal to age five approach to education in Franklin County. Their mission is to know and support every child by coordinating existing services, empowering families, and promoting innovation.

Future Ready Columbus will work to develop a comprehensive birth to age five strategy to ensure the success of all Columbus children.

This contract is being awarded pursuant to Section 329 of the City Code, which allows for the City to negotiate not-for-profit service contracts. This organization was selected due to their prior experience and success in providing the same services in 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding for this contract (\$400,000.00) is available within the 2021 Department of Education General Fund budget.

EMERGENCY JUSTIFICATION: Emergency designation is requested so that Future Ready Columbus can proceed in the development of this crucial work.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Education to enter into a contract with Future Ready Columbus for activities related to the achievement of the Mayor's goal that every child in Columbus is ready for kindergarten; to authorize the expenditure of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00) from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$400,000.00)

WHEREAS, Mayor Ginther's vision for Columbus, America's Opportunity City, is that every child in Columbus is ready for kindergarten; and

WHEREAS, Future Ready Columbus is a public/private organization focused on supporting a prenatal to age five approach to education in Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Future Ready Columbus is to know and support every child by coordinating existing services, empowering families, and promoting innovation; and

WHEREAS, Future Ready Columbus will collaboratively work to employ an innovative birth to age five strategy to achieve the Mayor's goal; and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded pursuant to City Code Chapter 329, which allows for the City to negotiate not-for-profit service contracts; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Education in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of the Department of Education to enter into a contract with Future Ready Columbus and expend such funds for the immediate preservation of public health, peace, property, and safety; **NOW, THEREFORE:**

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Department of Education is authorized to enter into a contract with Future Ready Columbus for the development of a comprehensive birth to age five strategy to ensure the success of all Columbus children.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$400,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized to be expended from the General Fund as follows: **(See attachment 0629-2021 EXP)**

Div.: 42-01 | **Fund:** 1000 | **SubFund:** 100010 | **Obj. Class:** 03 | **Main Acct:** 63050 | **Program:** ED001 | **Amount:** \$400,000.00

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 legislation.

SECTION 5. That for 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.