



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND:

The purpose of this ordinance is to appropriate \$225,000.00 within the Reimagine Safety subfund to the Department of Public Safety, on behalf of the Division of Police, in order to continue a program by the Division known as the Teens and Police Service Partners (TAPS) Academy, to authorize a transfer to the general fund, as well as an expenditure of \$225,000.00 from the general fund.

The TAPS program was initially established in 2013 with funds from the FY12 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant, through the Franklin County Commissioners. This program serves at-risk juveniles at four middle and high schools between ages 13 to 17 years old. These youths will receive intensive mentoring by Police Officers trained in the TAPS Academy curriculum developed by the Houston Police Department. The Academy will provide a structured environment that is geared to mentor through an academic and humanitarian approach, with strong emphasis on interaction and conversation. The academic approach will stress an established curriculum designed to address topics such as Anger Management, Bullying, Avoiding Gang Life, Avoiding Narcotics, Conflict Management/Resolution, Team Building, Truancy, How to Respond to an Active Shooter, Safe Driving, Combating Alcohol and Drug abuse, etc.

This legislation allows the program to continue to improve relationships between community youth and law enforcement.

FISCAL IMPACT: Total appropriation is \$225,000.00 and is available in the 2021 budget within the Reimagine Safety subfund, Fund 1000-100019.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION: Emergency action is requested in order to receive the funds to continue running the program.

To authorize the appropriation of \$225,000.00 in the Reimagine Safety subfund to the Department of Public Safety, on behalf of the Columbus Division of Police, for the Teens and Police Service Partners (TAPS) Academy mentorship program; to authorize a transfer and appropriation of funds; to authorize an expenditure of \$225,000.00 within the general fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$225,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Teens and Police Service (TAPS) Academy program was initially established in 2013 with funds from the FY12 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant, through the Franklin County Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, this program serves at-risk juveniles at four middle and high schools between ages 13 to 17 years old who receive intensive mentoring by police officers trained in the TAPS Academy curriculum developed by the Houston Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, TAPS Academy will provide a structured environment that is geared to mentor through an academic and humanitarian approach, with strong emphasis on interaction and conversation; and,

WHEREAS, the total appropriation is \$225,000.00 and is available in the 2021 budget within the Reimagine Safety

subfund for this purpose; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of City Council, in that it is immediately necessary to appropriate funding to the Department of Public Safety, on behalf of the Division of Police, so that the Division may continue the program uninterrupted, thereby preserving the public peace, property, health, safety, and welfare; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

SECTION 1: That \$225,000.00 is hereby appropriated within Fund 1000-100019 Reimagine Safety subfund to the Department of Public Safety for the Teens and Police Service Partners (TAPS) Academy mentorship program, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 2. That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$225,000.00 to the Department of Public Safety within the Reimagine Safety fund in object class 10-Transfers, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$225,000.00 from the Reimagine Safety subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100019, to the general fund, fund 1000, subfund 100010, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$225,000.00 to the Department of Public Safety within the general fund, fund 1000, subfund 100010, in 03-Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 5: That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is 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.