



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the Directors of the Department of Neighborhoods and the Department of Recreation and Parks to enter into grant agreements with various social service agencies in support of non-violence programming and violence intervention strategies.

In March of 2021, Columbus City Council announced the availability of funding to support violence intervention strategies in response to rising neighborhood violence. Part of Columbus City Council's Reimagine Safety agenda involves promoting programming that fosters youth engagement, employment, and the development of skills that will encourage long-term success and stability. Following an evaluation process, Council has selected the following six agencies to work together with the Department of Neighborhoods on enacting new programming or sustaining and growing existing programming:

- Urban Scouts: \$200,000.00
- Legacy Youth Sports League: \$200,000.00
- Africentric Personal Development Shop: \$170,000.00
- Community of Caring Development Foundation (Youth and Community Empowerment): \$135,000.00
- Community Development for All People (Freedom School): \$90,000.00
- Marion-Franklin Civic Association (For a Better Community): \$50,000.00

In addition, Council has selected the following four agencies to work together with the Department of Recreation and Parks on enacting new programming or sustaining and growing existing programming:

- Columbus Urban League (Violence Interrupters): \$200,000.00
- Community for New Direction: \$170,000.00
- Martin de Porres Center: \$131,000.00
- Highland Youth Garden (Green Teens 2021): \$25,000.00

Fiscal Impact: Funding is available within the Reimagine Safety subfund.

Emergency action is requested in order to immediately implement or expand existing programming to address rising neighborhood violence.

To authorize the Directors of the Department of Neighborhoods and the Department of Recreation and Parks to enter into grant agreements with various social service agencies in support of violence intervention community programming; to authorize an appropriation within the Reimagine Safety fund; to authorize a transfer and appropriation within the general fund; to authorize a transfer to and appropriation within the Recreation and Parks operating fund; to authorize expenditures within the general fund and the Recreation and Parks operating fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$1,371,000.00)

WHEREAS, in March of 2021, Columbus City Council announced the availability of funding to support violence intervention strategies in response to rising neighborhood violence; and

WHEREAS, Columbus City Council's Reimagine Safety agenda involves promoting programming that fosters youth engagement, employment, and the development of skills that will encourage long-term success and stability; and

WHEREAS, Council has selected a number of social service agencies to work together with the Departments of Neighborhoods and Recreation and Parks on enacting new programming or sustaining and growing existing programming; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily business of the city in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Directors of Neighborhoods and Recreation and Parks to enter into grant agreements with social service agencies to immediately implement or expand existing programming to address rising neighborhood violence; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods is hereby authorized and directed to enter into grant agreements with the following social service agencies in support of violence intervention community programming:

Urban Scouts: \$200,000.00
Legacy Youth Sports League: \$200,000.00
Africentric Personal Development Shop: \$170,000.00
Community of Caring Development Foundation (Youth and Community Empowerment): \$135,000.00
Community Development for All People (Freedom School): \$90,000.00
Marion-Franklin Civic Association (For a Better Community): \$50,000.00

SECTION 2. That the Director of Recreation and Parks is hereby authorized and directed to enter into grant agreements with the following social service agencies in support of violence intervention community programming:

Columbus Urban League (Violence Interrupters): \$200,000.00
Community for New Direction: \$170,000.00
Martin de Porres Center: \$131,000.00
Highland Youth Garden (Green Teens 2021): \$25,000.00

SECTION 3. That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$1,371,000.00 to the Department of Finance and Management within the Reimagine Safety fund in object class 10-Transfers, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$845,000.00 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 5. That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$526,000.00 from the Reimagine Safety subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100019, to the Recreation and Parks operating fund, fund 2285, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 6. That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$845,000.00 to the Department of Neighborhoods within the general fund, fund 1000, subfund 100010, in 03-Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 7. That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$526,000.00 to the Department of Recreation and Parks within the Recreation and Parks operating fund, fund 2285, in 03-Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 7. That per the action authorized in SECTION 1 of this ordinance, the expenditure of \$845,000.00 is hereby authorized per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 8. That per the action authorized in SECTION 2 of this ordinance, the expenditure of \$526,000.00 is hereby authorized per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 9. 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.