



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

This ordinance authorizes the Director of Public Service to execute agreements with, and to provide funding to, the YMCA of Central Ohio (the "YMCA") relative to the implementation and administration of the Youth Litter Pick-Up Program/Earth Service Corps.

The new initiative, resulting from a partnership between the YMCA and the Department of Public Service, will employ 400 youth and young adults to collect litter and debris at various locations in the Hilltop, Linden, Near East Side, Far East Side, South Side and Northland neighborhoods during the summer and fall of 2021. Participants, who will be supervised by the YMCA, will earn above minimum wage and will work an average of 20 hours per week during the inaugural 12 weeks of the program, with a reduced work schedule of 8 hours per week in September and October so as not to conflict with school, athletics, or other obligations. Summer participants also will receive soft skills training and lunch daily.

The Department of Public Service has allocated up to \$2,001,175.00 to support the aforementioned effort.

2. FISCAL IMPACT

Grant funding in the amount of \$2,001,175.00 is available in Fund 2209 (Recovery Fund), Subfund 220902 (Community Recovery). The funds are appropriated.

3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

Emergency action is requested to enable the Department of Public Service to execute requisite agreements with and to make payment to the YMCA as soon as reasonably practicable to prevent delays in the start of the program.

To authorize the Director of Public Service to execute agreements with, and to provide financial support to, the YMCA of Central Ohio relative to the Youth Litter Pick-Up Program/Earth Service Corps; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$2,001,175.00 from the Recovery Fund; to authorize the return of any unexpended funds after the applicable contract period; and to declare an emergency. (\$2,001,175.00)

WHEREAS, the Youth Litter Pick-Up Program/Earth Service Corps, resulting from a partnership between the YMCA of Central Ohio (the "YMCA") and the Department of Public Service, is a new initiative aimed at providing meaningful work opportunities and skills training to young people locally; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned program will provide part-time positions paying \$12 per hour to 400 participants, who will collect litter and debris at various locations in the Hilltop, Linden, Near East Side, Far East Side, South Side and Northland neighborhoods during the summer and fall of 2021; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance authorizes the Director of Public Service to execute agreements with the YMCA and to expend up to \$2,001,175.00 to fund that program; and

WHEREAS, funding is available for this purpose in Fund 2209, the Recovery Fund.

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Service in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to execute requisite agreements with, and to make payment to, the YMCA as soon as reasonably practicable to prevent delays in the start of the program; **now, therefore**,

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Service be and hereby is authorized to execute agreements with and provide funding to the YMCA of Central Ohio relative to the implementation and administration of the Youth Litter Pick-Up Program/Earth Service Corps.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$2,001,175.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 2209 (Recovery Fund), Dept-Div 5902 (Refuse Collection), SubFund 220902 (Community Recovery), in Object Class 03 (Purchased Services), per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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 ordinance.

SECTION 5. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.

SECTION 6. At the end of the contract period, any repayment of unencumbered balances required by the YMCA is hereby authorized and any unused City monies may be transferred back to the City fund from which they originated in accordance with all applicable agreements.

SECTION 7. 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.