

Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes a grant agreement between the City Clerk and The Ohio State University Center for Innovation Strategies to fund their OnRamp program, providing student economic development internships. The total amount of this grant agreement is \$20,000.

OnRamp is a student-driven innovation platform that convenes multidisciplinary student teams who engage with external businesses to validate and build early-stage innovation projects. OnRamp will receive funding for place-based economic development internships based in historically marginalized communities.

Support of this initiative aligns with Columbus City Council's priorities of building strong neighborhoods, promoting the creation of good-paying jobs, and developing pathways out of poverty.

Emergency action is necessary in order to have funding available for necessary expenditures due to the time-sensitive deadlines of the programming.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding is available in the general fund, Jobs Growth subfund.

To authorize a grant agreement between the City Clerk and the Ohio State University Center for Innovation Strategies in support of OnRamp; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Jobs Growth subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$20,000.00)

WHEREAS, it is a top priority of Columbus City Council to support efforts that enhance neighborhood economic development, small business development, and workforce development; and

WHEREAS, OnRamp is a student-driven innovation platform that convenes multidisciplinary student teams who engage with external businesses to validate and build early-stage innovation projects; and

WHEREAS, passage of this legislation authorizes and the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with The Ohio State University Center for Innovation Strategies to fund their OnRamp program, to sponsor student internships with businesses in the Near East and West Side neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of City Council in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio State University Center for Innovation Strategies and appropriate said funds to have funding available for necessary expenditures due to the time-sensitive deadlines of the programming; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio State University Center for Innovation Strategies for student programming in support of OnRamp.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor be and is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$20,000.00 in the Jobs Growth subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100015, to Columbus City Council, in Object Class 03 - Contractual Services, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$20,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the actions authorized in SECTION 2, is hereby authorized in the Jobs Growth subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100015, in Object Class 03 - Contractual Services, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. 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.