



Legislation Text

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In 2014, the White House, under President Barack Obama, launched the My Brother's Keeper (MBK) initiative to address persistent opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color and ensure that all young people can reach their full potential. Through this initiative, the Administration called on cities, businesses, and foundations to take important steps to connect young people to mentoring, support networks, and help them gain the skills they need to find a good job or go to college and work their way into the middle class. The milestones associated with the My Brother's Keeper initiative include having young people enter school ready to learn, reading at grade level by third grade, graduating from high school ready for college, completing post-secondary education or training, successfully entering the workforce, and providing a second chance to those with past criminal offenses. In responding to the call to action, the Department of Neighborhoods established the My Brother's Keeper Village to be the hub of all work throughout the City of Columbus.

Due to the effects of COVID-19, the City of Columbus recognizes many organizations providing summer employment opportunities may not have the capacity to do so in 2022.

Through the American Rescue Plan, up to \$1,865,688 is allocated to distribute to qualified Columbus area nonprofit agencies. Subawards will be issued to the following non-profits organizations: African American Male Wellness Walk, Columbus Fashion Alliance, The Columbus Urban League, Heart of JOB Foundation, Image-Character-Etiquette, Kingdom First, Legacy Youth Sports Academy, New Birth Christian Ministries, The Ohio State University and Urban Foundation on behalf of Warhol & Wall St. The nonprofit organizations will serve at-risk boys and young men of color between the ages of 14-24 to help ease the challenges families face due to the current public health emergency. Importantly, all expenses must be eligible under the United States Treasury Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Program guidelines. For costs to be reimbursable, the expenditures must be necessary for execution of the program, incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), and incurred between March 10, 2021 and December 31, 2024.

Emergency Designation: Emergency action is requested to ensure that students can benefit from summer employment opportunities.

Fiscal Impact: Funding is provided to the City of Columbus from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund passed by Congress on March 10, 2021 and signed into law on March 11, 2021.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: the vendor's vendor numbers are:

African American Male Wellness 008384 and is pending
Columbus Fashion Alliance 031541 and is valid 8/27/2021- 8/27/2023
Columbus Urban League 006073 and is valid from 2/22/2022-2/22/2024
Heart of JOB Foundation 041659 and is valid from 4/27/2022-4/27/2024
Image, Character, Etiquette 035933 and is valid from 6/4/2021-6/4/2023
Kingdom First 041516 and is valid from 4/12/2022-4/12/2024
Legacy Youth Sports Academy 032877 and is valid from 7/1/2020-7/1/2022
New Birth Christian Ministries 030578 and is valid from 10/22/2020-10/22/2022
The Ohio State University 035414 and is valid from 1/26/2022-1/26/2024
Urban Foundation on behalf of Warhol & Wall St and is pending

To authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,865,688.00 within the Department of Neighborhoods; to authorize the Director of Neighborhoods to enter into subaward grant agreements with the following organizations: African American Male Wellness Walk, Columbus Fashion Alliance, The Columbus Urban League, Heart of JOB Foundation, Image-Character-Etiquette, Kingdom First, Legacy Youth Sports Academy, New Birth Christian Ministries, The Ohio State University and Urban Foundation on behalf of Warhol & Wall St., in a total amount up to \$1,865,688.00 to add needed capacity to address COVID-19 specific services for boys and young men of color for summer employment; to authorize the payment of expenses starting May 16, 2022; and to declare an emergency. (\$1,865,688.00)

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in the lack of summer employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and City Council are committed to the mission and work of the My Brother's Keeper; and,

WHEREAS, due to the effects of COVID-19, the City of Columbus recognizes many organizations providing summer employment opportunities may not have the capacity to do so in 2022; and

WHEREAS, through the American Rescue Plan, up to \$1,865,688 is allocated to distribute to the following qualified Columbus area nonprofit agencies: African American Male Wellness Walk, Columbus Fashion Alliance, The Columbus Urban League, Heart of JOB Foundation, Image-Character-Etiquette, Kingdom First, Legacy Youth Sports Academy, New Birth Christian Ministries, The Ohio State University, and Urban Foundation on behalf of Warhol & Wall St.; and

WHEREAS, expenditure of funds is necessary within the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to address unforeseen needs within the population of boys and young men of color caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency; and,

WHEREAS, such expenditure of funds has not been previously accounted for within the 2022 Budget; and

WHEREAS, due to a procedural error during the original authorization of these agreements via ordinance 1462-2022 on May 23, 2022, there is a need to authorize these agreements via this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Neighborhoods in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into the agreements to allow the agencies to immediately provide summer employment opportunities; **now, therefore**,

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

SECTION 1: That the Director of Neighborhoods is hereby authorized to enter into subaward grant agreements with the following organizations to allow them to begin providing additional COVID-19 specific services for summer employment opportunities in the total amount up to \$1,865,688, and to authorize the payment of expenses starting May 16, 2022.

African American Male Wellness \$250,000.00

Columbus Fashion Alliance \$350,000.00

Columbus Urban League \$200,000.00

Heart of JOB Foundation \$100,000.00

Image Character Etiquette, Inc \$75,000.00

Kingdom First \$135,700.00

Legacy Youth Sports Academy \$164,988.00

New Birth Christian Ministries \$50,000.00

The Ohio State University \$300,000.00

Urban Foundation on behalf of Warhol & Wall St \$240,000.00

SECTION 2: That the expenditure of up to \$1,865,688 or so much thereof as may be needed is hereby authorized in Fund 2209 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, Dept-Div 48-01, in object class 03 (Services) per the accounting 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 legislation.

SECTION 5: That this agreement is awarded pursuant to the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of City Code relating to the process for awarding not-for-profit service agreements.

SECTION 6: 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.