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Legislation Text

File #: 3142-2022, **Version:** 1

Background: This ordinance authorizes the City Auditor to appropriate funding from the Neighborhood Initiative Subfund 100018 to the Recreation and Parks Department in support of solar lighting installation at New Beginnings Park in the Milo-Grogan Neighborhood. This ordinance also authorizes the expenditure of \$15,000.00 from the Neighborhood Initiative Subfund 100018 for this purpose.

The Recreation and Parks Department is putting together a solar lighting package for the future installation of solar lighting in various parks throughout the City of Columbus. This project will be bid out in accordance with City Code Chapter 329 in the coming months and the project is expected to start in early 2023. New Beginnings Park, in the Milo-Grogan Neighborhood, has been selected as one of the parks that will receive upgraded solar lighting. In an effort to appropriate this funding before the end of the 2022 Fiscal Year so it will remain available in Fiscal Year 2023, it is necessary to authorize the appropriation and expenditure herein this ordinance.

Emergency Justification: Emergency action is requested in order to authorize the City Auditor to appropriate this funding to the Recreation and Parks Department before the end of the 2022 Fiscal Year so it will remain available in Fiscal Year 2023 for use on this project.

Benefits to the Public: Lighting provides visibility and improved safety for park users and nearby residents. Solar charged lighting also lowers operational costs, making the park amenities more sustainable.

Community Input/Issues: The community has made requests for improved lighting at this location.

Area(s) Affected: Milo-Grogan (48)

Master Plan Relation: This project will support the Recreation and Parks Master Plan by improving sustainability and making parks safer.

Fiscal Impact: \$15,000.00 is budgeted and available from within the General Fund 1000, Neighborhood Initiative Subfund 100018 to meet the financial obligations of this expenditure.

To authorize the appropriation of \$15,000.00 from the Neighborhood Initiative Subfund to the Recreation and Parks Department in support of solar lighting installation at New Beginnings Park in the Milo-Grogan Neighborhood; to authorize the expenditure of \$15,000.00 from the Neighborhood Initiative Subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$15,000.00)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the City Auditor to appropriate funding from the Neighborhood Initiative Subfund 100018 to the Recreation and Parks Department in support of solar lighting installation at New Beginnings Park in the Milo-Grogan Neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the expenditure of \$15,000.00 from the Neighborhood Initiative Subfund 100018; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the City Auditor to appropriate this funding to the Recreation and Parks Department

before the end of the 2022 Fiscal Year so it will remain available in Fiscal Year 2023 for use on this project, all for the preservation of public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; **NOW, THEREFORE**

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

SECTION 1. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to appropriate funding from the General Fund 1000, Neighborhood Initiative Subfund 100018 to the Recreation and Parks Department in support of solar lighting installation at New Beginnings Park in the Milo-Grogan Neighborhood

SECTION 2. For the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$15,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the cost thereof, be and is hereby authorized from the General Fund 1000, Neighborhood Initiative Subfund 100018 in object class 06 Capital Outlay per the accounting codes in the attachments to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. 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.