



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Creating Central Ohio Futures in support of a scholarship honoring the life of Casey Goodson Jr. through the organization's Building Back Better Together training program. Casey Goodson Jr. is a community member and CDL driver who was taken way too soon.

Building Back Better Together is a workforce development program administered by the Creating Central Ohio Futures in partnership with the Columbus/Central Ohio Building and Construction Trades Council. The program benefits residents who have been traditionally underserved, underemployed, or economically disadvantaged and creates paths to the middle class.

Building Back Better Together is an 8-week program through which previously incarcerated and underemployed people receive training and career placement after earning their Class A Commercial Driver's License. This program helps fill critically needed positions while creating true economic mobility for participants. After the 8-week program, drivers embark on a career with one of many affiliated trades employers - all providing a great starting wage, health, and retirement benefits.

This grant agreement will support a scholarship honoring the life of Casey Goodson Jr., a Columbus resident and CDL driver, for Columbus residents who are interested in gaining their CDL and creating a sustainable income source for them and their families.

Fiscal Impact: Funding is available within the Job Growth subfund.

To authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with the Creating Central Ohio Futures to support of a scholarship honoring the life of Casey Goodson Jr. through the organization's Building Back Better Together training program; and to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Job Growth subfund. (\$100,000.00)

WHEREAS, in memoriam of Casey Goodson Jr., a Columbus resident and commercial driver's license holder whose life was taken way too soon; and

WHEREAS, Creating Central Ohio Futures promotes workforce development through the Building Back Better Together program and connects participants to partner employers; and

WHEREAS, Columbus and the nation at-large is experiencing a critical need for employees with Commercial Driver's Licenses; and

WHEREAS, the Creating Central Ohio Futures is committed to creating pathways to career stability and economic mobility; **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 Creating Central Ohio Futures in support of their Building Back Better Together program.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$100,000.00 in the Job Growth subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100015, to the City Clerk per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$100,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the action authorized in SECTION 1 of this ordinance, is hereby authorized in the Job Growth subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100015 per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. 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 5. 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 6. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.