



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the Department of Neighborhoods to enter into a grant agreement with the National African American Male Wellness Agency in support of the African American Male Wellness Walk.

The annual walk event will happen on Saturday, August 12, 2023 and will celebrate 20 years of walks with a mission to save Black Men's lives. Over the years, the African American Male Wellness Walk has transitioned the walk event to be a fitness component to a Clinic to Community model which is the overarching foundation that provides health screenings and access to quality health care to improve the quality of life and increase life expectancy of the Black male and his family. This year the organization celebrates the impact that walk events and programs have provided for over 100,000 families and will be adding the Uplift Her Women's Pavilion along with an enhanced Calling all Dads and Real Men Real Talk Pavilion. These additions will be incorporated to enhance a holistic approach to serve the whole family in Columbus communities, and will require additional staff, screening supplies, interactive & innovative activities, multi-generational & culturally sensitive education materials, and increased permit costs to close additional streets to accommodate these additions.

The grant funding approved by this ordinance will be used to help defray the additional costs associated with program expansion. The services included in this contract cannot be provided by existing city employees because these services are beyond the City's current responsibility and capacity to provide.

Emergency Designation: Emergency action is requested so that grant proceeds can be provided as soon as possible as event preparation has commenced.

Fiscal Impact: This ordinance authorizes the transfer within and expenditure of \$50,050.00 from the General Fund with the African American Male Wellness Agency in the form of a grant to support the 2023 African American Wellness Walk and associated Clinic to Community.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE:

African American Male Wellness Agency 008384 and is valid from 5/16/2022 - 5/16/2024

To authorize the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods to enter into a grant agreement with the non-profit National African American Male Wellness Agency in support of the 2023 African American Male Wellness Walk and Clinic to Community; to authorize the transfer of \$50,050.00 within the General Fund; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$50,050.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$50,050.00)

WHEREAS, the African American Wellness Walk is an annual event which will occur on Saturday, August 12, 2023 and will celebrate 20 years of walks with a mission to save Black Men's lives; and

WHEREAS, the African American Male Wellness Agency has transitioned the walk event to be a fitness component to a Clinic to Community model which is the overarching foundation that provides health screenings and access to quality health care to improve the quality of life and increase life expectancy of the Black male and his family; and

WHEREAS, this year the organization celebrates the impact that walk events and programs have provided for over

100,000 families and will be adding the Uplift Her Women's Pavilion along with an enhanced Calling all Dads and Real Men Real Talk Pavilion; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding of \$50,500.00 by passage of this ordinance will be used to help defray the additional costs associated with program expansion of the agency, which is now known as the National African American Male Wellness Agency; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Neighborhoods in that it is immediately necessary to authorize a grant agreement with National African American Male Wellness Agency to provide support for the 2023 African American Wellness Walk and Clinic to Community as soon as possible as event preparation has commenced;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1: That the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods is authorized to enter into a non-profit grant agreement with the National African American Male Wellness Agency.

SECTION 2. That the transfer of \$50,050.00, or so much thereof as may be needed is hereby authorized within the General Fund 1000, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance

SECTION 3: That the expenditure of \$50,050.00 or so much thereof as may be needed is authorized in Fund 1000, Dept-Div 48-01, in object class 05 (Grants) 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 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 legislation.

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 the same.