



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Fund the Climb, a non profit entity, for the support of the Fund the Climb Foundation.

The mission of Fund The Climb is to remove barriers that stand in the way of treatment. The target population is patients in the Columbus area seeking treatment for the disease of addiction. Patients are Medicaid recipients who cannot afford safe housing, transportation, and often basic food and personal hygiene needs. When these needs are met, patients stay in treatment and have a better chance for successful recovery and to reenter the community.

Fund The Climb Foundation assists patients in the Franklinton and surrounding areas who are seeking treatment for the disease of addiction and face barriers, such as lack of housing, transportation, food and personal hygiene needs. These areas have a high rate of drug overdose, and Fund The Climb supports patients seeking treatment. They partner with Basecamp Recovery Center, located in Franklinton, and serve Medicaid patients. The goal is to give patients a fair chance to get the help they need, and rejoin the community as healthy and contributing members. These efforts will strengthen our communities and help take people from poverty to more successful lives.

Emergency action is necessary to ensure timely funding to Fund the Climb to proceed with the housing and transportation for residents suffering from addiction, as patients are waiting for units to be furnished and habitable.

Fiscal Impact: Funding is available within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund.

To authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Fund the Climb for the support of the Fund the Climb Foundation; and to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$45,000.00)

WHEREAS, the mission of Fund The Climb Foundation ("Foundation") is to remove barriers that stand in the way of treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation assists patients in the Franklinton and surrounding areas who are seeking treatment for the disease of addiction and face barriers, such as lack of housing, transportation, food and personal hygiene needs; and

WHEREAS, when these needs are met, patients stay in treatment and have a better chance for successful recovery and to reenter the community; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Clerk's Office in that it is immediately necessary to authorize a grant agreement with the Foundation to provide housing and transportation to residents suffering from addiction, as there is a wait list of patients needing furnished and habitable units to live in, thereby preserving the 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 Clerk is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Fund the Climb Foundation to assists patients in the Franklinton and surrounding areas who are seeing treatment for the disease of addiction, and provide them with housing and transportation services.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is authorized and directed to appropriate \$45,000.00 in the Neighborhood Initiatives

subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, to Columbus City Council per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$45,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the action authorized in SECTION 1, is authorized in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, 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 ordinance.

SECTION 6. That for the reason 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.