



Legislation Text

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The Pathways to Purpose: Casey Goodson Jr. CDL (commercial driver's license) program is an employment program in memory of Casey Goodson Jr., a community member and CDL driver who was taken way too soon. The focus of this program is to provide individuals with soft skills and commercial driver's license training to help create a stable living environment through employment. There is need both nationwide and in the Central Ohio area for truck drivers. IMPACT Community Action will help advance this program by providing commercial driver's license training and soft skills training to each of the participants as well as administering the program.

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

To authorize the Director of Public Service to enter into grant agreements with IMPACT Community Action to provide funding for the Pathways to Purpose: Casey Goodson Jr. CDL program; and to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund. (\$200,000.00)

WHEREAS, recognizing the need for stable employment is of paramount importance in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, this past year has underscored the critical role community services play in supporting the social well-being of vulnerable populations and communities; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in disproportionate negative economic impacts in communities of color and low-income communities across the nation. These communities are experiencing overwhelming barriers to access basic needs like food, supplies and shelter during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, that there is a need for individuals with their commercial driver's license in Central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, nationally, 40% fewer truck drivers were trained in 2020 than were trained in 2019 according to a report by the Society for Human Resource Management; and

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, the focus of this program is to provide individuals with soft skills and commercial driver's license training to help create a stable living environment through employment. There is need both nationwide and in the Central Ohio area for truck drivers; and

WHEREAS, IMPACT Community Action will help advance this program by providing commercial driver's license training and soft skills training for each of the participants as well as administering the program; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Service is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with IMPACT Community Action for up to \$200,000.00 for the provision of commercial driver's license training, soft skills training and the administration of the program.

SECTION 2. That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, to the Department of Public Service, per the accounting codes in the attachment to

this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That per the action authorized in Section 1 of this ordinance, the expenditure of \$200,000.00 from the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, is hereby authorized per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. Funds are hereby deemed appropriated and expenditures and transfers authorized to carry out the purposes of this ordinance, 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.