



## Legislation Text

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### Background

To authorize the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods to enter into grant agreements with the following non-profit entities Africentric Personal Development Shop Inc, Columbus Urban League and Ohio Haitian Community Network; This ordinance authorizes to encumber and expend grant funding for programming to serve boys and young men of color and the purchase of food and/or beverage items at various outreach events, which serve the public for the purpose of youth engagement to advance equity and address youth violence. Food and/or beverage purchases will be subject to what is allowable in the respective grant agreements. Costs will not exceed \$15 per person and any purchase of alcohol is strictly prohibited.

In 2014 President Obama called on cities, non-profits, and the private sector to collaborate and close opportunity gaps for boys and young men of color (B&YMOC). Columbus was one of the first cities to answer this call. The city and partner organizations brought together more than 500 B&YMOC to ensure that Columbus' My Brother's Keeper (MBK) work was grounded in testimony from the target population. Numerous non-profit service providers, schools, and companies have created programs to serve vulnerable youth of color since the launch of the national MBK initiative.

The services cannot be provided by existing city employees because these services are beyond the City's current responsibility and capacity to provide.

**Emergency Action** is necessary to avoid causing interruptions in the delivery of program services to address the needs of boys and young men of color, including access to mentors and mental health services.

**Fiscal Impact:** Funding is available within the General Fund.

### Contract Compliance:

033495 Africentric Personal Development Shop Inc and is valid 11/14/2024

006073 Columbus Urban League and is valid 6/9/2025

021274 Ohio Haitian Community Network and is pending. Contract Compliance will be completed before grant funding is received.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods to enter into grant agreements with the following non-profit entities: Africentric Personal Development Shop Inc, Columbus Urban League and Ohio Haitian Community Network in alignment with MBK national milestones to improve outcomes for boys and young men of color, to authorize the expenditure of up to \$183,926.00 from the General Fund, and to declare an emergency. (\$183,926.00)

**WHEREAS**, My Brother's Keeper Village leads a national call to action to build safe and supportive communities where boys and young men of color are valued and have clear pathways to opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, My Brother's Keeper Village work is rooted in six key life milestones that research shows are especially predictive of later success, and where interventions can have the greatest impact; and

**WHEREAS**, the following entities: Africentric Personal Development Shop Inc, Columbus Urban League and Ohio Haitian Community Network all align with the efforts of My Brother's Keeper Village effort to improve outcomes under milestone three; and

**WHEREAS**, this ordinance is contingent upon passage of the 2024 General Fund Operating Budget,

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Neighborhoods in that it is immediately necessary to authorize grant agreements to avoid causing interruptions in the delivery of program services;  
**NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Africentric Personal Development Shop Inc, Columbus Urban League and Ohio Haitian Community Network in alignment with the efforts of My Brother's Keeper Village, effective January 1, 2024. The grant agreements will allow for a maximum of \$15 per person for the purchase of food and/or beverages in order to provide nutrition to students and families who are often food-insecure and to increase public participation in My Brother's Keeper Village funded programs.

Africentric Personal Development Shop Inc \$43,926.00  
Columbus Urban League \$100,000.00  
Ohio Haitian Community Network \$40,000.00

**SECTION 2.** That the expenditure of \$183,926.00 or so much thereof as may be needed is authorized in Fund 1000, Dept -Div 48-01, in Object Class 05 - Grants to Non-Profit Agencies per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3:** 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 4:** 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 5:** 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.