



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes The Office of CelebrateOne to enter into a grant agreement with R.O.O.T.T. (Restoring Our Own Through Transformation) in support of the organization's holistic, community-oriented Perinatal Support Doula care.

R.O.O.T.T. is a non-profit organization in Columbus, Ohio that was established in 2017 dedicated to collectively restoring the well-being of families. R.O.O.T.T.'s integrated perinatal support model focuses on innovative interventions designed to improve perinatal conditions and birth outcomes for mothers and families. Since 2017, R.O.O.T.T. has served over 500 families and has produced a 0% maternal and infant mortality rate.

R.O.O.T.T.'s Doulas provide a variety of integrated, holistic care including:

- Nutritional evaluation and support;
- Evaluation of psychosocial needs and connections to wraparound services;
- Advocacy and support for family empowerment;
- Clinical assessments and documentation to identify early signs, symptoms, and risk factors in maternal health;
- Direct lines of communication with primary care providers; and
- Consultation as Certified Lactation Consultants.

Care provided by R.O.O.T.T. Doulas is supplementary to and in conjunction with the additional care a mother receives through her primary care provider, OB-GYN, and/or midwife.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance will allow the expenditure of up to \$250,000.00 from the General Fund and is contingent upon the passing of the 2026 Operating Budget.

To authorize and direct the Office of CelebrateOne to enter into a grant agreement with Restoring Our Own Through Transformation (R.O.O.T.T.) to support community-oriented Perinatal Support Doula care; to authorize expenditure within the General Fund of \$250,000.00. (\$250,000.00) (Amended by ord. 1283-2026 passed on 4/27/2026 -LG)

WHEREAS, Restoring Our Own Through Transformation (R.O.O.T.T.) provides integrated perinatal support and innovative interventions of families in Columbus; and

WHEREAS, the infant mortality rate in Franklin County is significantly higher than the national average, and

WHEREAS, R.O.O.T.T. has eradicated the infant and maternal mortality rate among their clients and seeks to expand perinatal doula care to more of the Columbus community; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary in the usual daily operation of the Office of CelebrateOne to enter into a grant agreement with R.O.O.T.T. to provide funding to allow it to continue to provide its integrated perinatal support model that focuses on innovative interventions designed to improve perinatal conditions and birth outcomes for mothers and families in the Columbus community; and **NOW, THEREFORE**

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

SECTION 1. That the Office of CelebrateOne is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Restoring Our Own Through Transformation (R.O.O.T.T.), a non-profit corporation, to support community-oriented Perinatal Support Doula care for a twelve-month period from the date of execution.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of up to \$250,000.00 is authorized within Fund 1000 per the accounting codes in the attachment to his 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 ordinance.

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