



Legislation Text

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The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize Columbus City Council to enter into a grant agreement with the Columbus Foundation in support of the Kimberley K. Jacobs Fund for Learning, Cultural Understanding and Engagement. The purpose of the endowment is to provide funding to continue the semi-annual trips to Washington, D.C., accommodating approximately 55 Columbus Police officers each trip. The trips are to allow the attendees to examine their profession in a new light, exploring the history of the Holocaust and the Civil Rights Movement, and to better understand the implications for law enforcement today. It provides the officers the opportunity to study and understand the civil rights and human rights atrocities that were allowed and/or facilitated by police officers in other countries and within our country. By studying the role of the police during these time periods, Chief Jacobs endeavored to lead her officers to remember the responsibility of law enforcement in protecting the constitutional rights of everyone and recognizing the consequences of governmental tyranny. The Kimberley K. Jacobs Fund, along with the City of Columbus, will also have partners in American Electric Power, Columbia Gas of Ohio, and LBrands. Columbus City Council is committing \$50,000.00 to support the Fund.

Fiscal Impact: Total cost of the grant is \$50,000 and funding is available within the Public Safety Initiative subfund.

To authorize Columbus City Council to enter into a grant agreement with the Columbus Foundation in support of The Kimberley K. Jacobs Fund for Learning, Cultural Understanding and Engagement; and to authorize an appropriation and expenditure of \$50,000.00 within the Public Safety Initiatives subfund. (\$50,000.00)

WHEREAS, Chief Kim Jacobs founded a program to sponsor a select number of Columbus Division of Police officers to travel to Washington D.C. to explore the history of the Holocaust and the Civil Rights Movement; and,

WHEREAS, the trips have allowed officers to examine the role of law enforcement within the scope of these events; and,

WHEREAS, the Kimberley K. Jacobs Fund for Learning, Cultural Understanding and Engagement has been established with the Columbus Foundation, for the purpose of continuing to sponsor these trips following Chief Jacobs' retirement; and,

WHEREAS, Columbus City Council, along with some corporate sponsors, is allocating funding in support of this program; and,

WHEREAS, \$50,000.00 is available in the Public Safety Initiatives Fund for the expenditure to provide for this purpose; and,

WHEREAS, with this ordinance, Columbus City Council will assist in Chief Jacobs' mission in providing historical context for law enforcement throughout history and fostering cultural understanding and awareness; now, therefore

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

SECTION 1: That Columbus City Council is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with The Columbus Foundation in support of the Kimberley K. Jacobs Fund for Learning, Cultural Understanding and Engagement.

SECTION 2: That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$50,000.00 in the Public Safety Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100016, to Columbus City Council, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3: That the expenditure of \$50,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized in the Public Safety Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100016, per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4: 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 5: That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest date allowable under law.