

City of Pittsburgh

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Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, a grant from the National League of Cities and the Food Research and Action Center in the total amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to expand summertime and afterschool meal offerings at City sites and/or, through our partners, promote anti-hunger awareness, encourage healthy offerings and choices as part of the Cities Combating Hunger through Afterschool and Summer Meals (CHAMPS) initiative. This resolution will focus on an awareness building campaign to further promote and expand meals programs across the City of Pittsburgh. WHEREAS, nearly 30 percent of children in Pittsburgh - 14,553 out of 49,167 - live in poverty, and 73.11 percent of Pittsburgh Public Schools (PPS) students - 18,868 students total - receive either free or reduced-price lunch; and

WHEREAS, Pittsburgh's City Parks & Recreation (Citiparks) partners with PPS to expand its summertime and afterschool meals programs and increase the number of participating youth at multiple child-serving sites, where 6,946 children received daily meals in 2013;

WHEREAS, less than 40 percent of the children who participate in the National School Lunch Program participate in the Summer Food Service Program, which indicates limited awareness and, in turn, underutilization of existing Citiparks meal programs;

WHEREAS, participation in the National League of Cities' Cities Combating Hunger through Afterschool and Summer Meals (CHAMPS) initiative will provide a key impetus for building the City of Pittsburgh's capacity to raise awareness of, and increase participation in, the federal afterschool and summer meals programs across our 90 distinct neighborhoods, by leveraging the City's Live Well Pittsburgh initiative to increase awareness and participation building out the Healthy Together tier of Live Well to include the *Grow. Cook. Eat.* campaign.

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, is hereby authorized to accept a grant from the National League of Cities and the Food Research and Action Center in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000). Grant monies have been received in the form of a check made out to "Treasurer, City of Pittsburgh" and deposited into the following account: [0229400139.48311.00]. After receipt of these funds, purchases for CHAMPS are authorized and shall be paid out of account: [0229400139.50000.00].