



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a not-for-profit-service contract with the Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) in an amount up to \$200,000.00 to manage all aspects of the Power of One - Corridor and Parcel Intervention Program. Approval is also requested for reimbursement of expenses incurred prior to execution of the purchase order.

The City of Columbus entered into contract with NDC, per ordinance number 2030-2021, to create and manage all aspects of the Power of One-Corridor and Parcel Intervention Pilot Program. The contract ended on December 15, 2022.

Building upon their experience assisting the Department of Development with the current Interior/Exterior Grant Program that focuses on improving the small business build environment in the Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization Areas (NCR), NDC will manage a program that looks to improve the small business built environment citywide. NDC will assess, evaluate, and recommend projects for city funding under the program. For projects that are funded, NDC will be available to provide design services as needed.

The services included in this not-for-profit service contract cannot be provided by existing city employees because these services are beyond the City's current staffing capacity to provide.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding for the Neighborhood Design Center in an amount up to \$200,000.00 has been allocated from the 2023 General Fund Budget.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: The vendor's contract compliance 006529 is active and expires on 3/16/2025.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a not-for-profit service contract with the Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) in an amount up to \$200,000.00 to manage all aspects of the Power of One - Corridor and Parcel Intervention Program; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$200,000.00 from the 2023 General Fund Budget; and to authorize reimbursement of expenses incurred prior to execution of the purchase order. (\$200,000.00)

WHEREAS, small business growth and development is essential to the growth of the City of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, the Power of One-Corridor and Parcel Intervention Pilot Program expands the existing NCR Interior/Exterior Grant program from the NCR corridors to citywide; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus, per ordinance number 2030-2021, entered into contract with NDC on December 15, 2021 to create and manage all aspects of the Power of One-Corridor and Parcel Intervention Pilot Program; and

WHEREAS, NDC will manage a program that looks to improve the small business built environment citywide and will assess, evaluate, and recommend projects for city funding under the program; and

WHEREAS, NDC will also provide design services as needed to projected approved under the Power of One-Corridor and Parcel Intervention Pilot Program; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development to authorize the Director to enter into a not-for-profit service contract with the Neighborhood Design Center in an amount up to \$200,000.00 to manage all aspects of the Power of One-Corridor and Parcel Intervention Program; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Department of Development is authorized to enter into a not-for-service contract with the Neighborhood Design Center in an amount up to \$200,000.00 to manage all aspects of the Power of One - Corridor and Parcel Intervention Program. Expenses incurred prior to the execution of the purchase order will also be reimbursed.

SECTION 2. That for the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of up to \$200,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 1000 (General Fund), Dept-Div 44-02 (Economic Development), in object class 03 (Services) 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 this contract is awarded in accordance with the relevant provisions of City Code Chapter 329 relating to non-for-profit service contracts.

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.