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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The City of Columbus wishes to fund a pilot Community Impact Grant Program (Program) to be administered by the Greater Columbus Arts Council (GCAC). The purpose of the Program is to support long-term, sustainable projects or activities by arts and culture organizations that are intended to affect economic development and growth in five targeted geographic areas, as follows: Franklinton, King- Lincoln, Olde Towne East, Southside, and Weinland Park.

The program will be open to all artistic disciplines seeking to implement a new activity/entrepreneurial endeavor supporting the creation and sale of art. Eligible activities will use art and culture as a catalyst for creating interest in the pilot areas and encouraging people to invest in the delivery and purchase of goods and services from local businesses, galleries and studios.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$100,000.00 has been allocated from the Cultural Services portion of the 2013 Hotel/Motel-Cultural Services Fund for this initiative.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with the Greater Columbus Arts Council to support the pilot Community Impact Program; to authorize the appropriation and expenditure of \$100,000.00 from the unallocated balance of the Cultural Services portion of the City's Hotel/Motel Tax Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$100,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus recognizes art as a both a cultural and economic development catalyst; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus wishes to fund a pilot economic development program that will spur the creation of new cultural initiatives focused on the creation and sale of art and other art-related activities; and

WHEREAS, the pilot program will start in the following five geographic areas of the city: Franklinton, King-Lincoln, Olde Towne East, Southside, and Weinland Park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus has been financially supporting the Greater Columbus Arts Council's mission to support art and advance culture since 1973 and recognizes their expertise in arts-related funding, programing and grant making; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus wishes to contract with the Greater Columbus Arts Council to administer the pilot Community Impact Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus will provide \$100,000.00 to the above activities;

WHEREAS, emergency action is necessary to allow the Greater Columbus Arts Council to undertake administration and funding of the pilot Community Impact Grant Program in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the City of Columbus, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of Development to enter into an agreement with the Greater Columbus Arts Council in order to preserve the public health, peace, prosperity, safety and welfare; **NOW THEREFORE**,

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

Section 1. That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Greater Columbus Arts Council for administrative costs associated with the pilot Community Impact Grant Program. The funds will support program activities for an approximately twelve-month period.

Section 2. That from the unappropriated monies in the Hotel/Motel-Cultural Services Fund, Fund 231, Subfund 002, and from all monies estimated to come into said Fund from any and all sources for the period ending December 31, 2013, the sum of \$100,000.00 is hereby appropriated to the Department of Development, Division 44-01, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337, OCA Code 231044.

Section 3. That for the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$100,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the Development Department, Division 44-01, Hotel/Motel-Cultural Services Fund, Fund 231, Subfund 002, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337, OCA Code 231044.

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 the expenditures authorized herein are in accordance with Section 371.02 (c) of the Columbus City Codes, 1959.

Section 6. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby 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.