



## Legislation Text

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**Background:** The City desires to support the Columbus Historical Society in its endeavor to create a permanent home for the not-for-profit organization and a community center in the historic Franklinton neighborhood. The Columbus Historical Society has an opportunity to purchase, restore, and preserve the historic Engine House #6, located at 540 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. The site will be the permanent home for the not-for-profit organization and a welcoming community center for the historic Franklinton community. The Columbus Historical Society's growth in preservation and programming of the City's important multi-cultural history now requires the Society to have a permanent home. Engine House #6 was built in 1880 and was the site of the Columbus Fire Department's first emergency medical squad in 1934. The project will assist in the creation of jobs and related taxes from increased operations, tourism, guided tours, events, and educational programs in this growing Columbus community. The plan also includes creating a historical walk between the historical sites in the area, which will increase tourism. The City of Columbus is contributing up to \$150,000 to support the purchase of the property.

**Emergency Designation:** Emergency action is requested to provide funding due to the time sensitive project goals related to the property acquisition.

**Fiscal Impact:** This ordinance authorizes the appropriation, transfer, and expenditure of up to \$150,000.00 from and within the General Permanent Improvement Fund to provide funding for a capital grant.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Finance and Management to enter into a grant agreement with the Columbus Historical Society in support of a property acquisition to create a permanent home for the society; to amend the 2020 Capital Improvement Budget; to authorize an appropriation and transfer within the General Permanent Improvement Fund; to authorize an expenditure; and to declare an emergency. (\$150,000.00)

**WHEREAS,** the city desires to support the Columbus Historical Society in its endeavor to create a permanent home for the not-for-profit organization, and a welcoming community center in the historic Franklinton neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS,** the Columbus Historical Society's growth in preservation and programming of the City's important multi-cultural history now requires the Society to have a permanent home; and

**WHEREAS,** the Columbus Historical Society has an opportunity to purchase, restore, and preserve the historic Engine House #6, located at 540 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215; and

**WHEREAS,** the project will assist in the creation of jobs and related taxes from increased operations, tourism, guided tours, events, and educational programs in this growing Columbus community; and

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to amend the 2020 Capital Improvement Budget and to authorize the appropriation, transfer, and expenditure of funds from and within the General Permanent Improvement Fund; and

**WHEREAS,** this grant is awarded pursuant to provisions relating to non-profit services of City Codes Chapter 329; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Finance and Management in that it is

immediately necessary to provide said funds to the Columbus Historical Society to have funding available for the purchase of the property thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; **NOW, THEREFORE: BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, OHIO:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of the Department of Finance and Management is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Columbus Historical Society to support the purchase of the historic Engine House #6, located at 540 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

**SECTION 2.** That the 2020 Capital Improvement Budget be amended in Fund 7748 as follows:

**Project Number/ Project Name / Funding Current CIB / Amendment / Revised CIB**

P748999-100000 / Unallocated / GPIF Carryover / \$6,526,438 / (\$150,000) / \$6,376,438

P570113-100000 / Columbus Historical Society / GPIF Carryover / \$0 / \$150,000 / \$150,000

**SECTION 3.** That the appropriation and transfer of \$150,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized between projects within the General Permanent Improvement Fund 7748 per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**See Attached File: Ord 2119-2021 Legislation Template.xls**

**SECTION 4.** That the expenditure of up to \$150,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized from the General Permanent Improvement Fund, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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**SECTION 5.** That the funds are hereby deemed appropriated, and expenditures and transfers authorized to carry out the purpose of this ordinance, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

**SECTION 6.** 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 7.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.

**SECTION 8.** That this contract is awarded in accordance with the relevant provisions of Columbus City Codes Chapter 329 relating to awarding not-for-profit contracts.

**SECTION 9.** 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 10 days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.