



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the Columbus City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with the King Arts Complex in support of the Juneteenth 2021 Celebration.

Juneteenth 2021 is a program designed for the entire community. To expand and to connect to other partner organizations, the King Arts Complex is planning three days of events that culminates with a seven-hour program on Juneteenth. There will be virtual programs to connect to the in-person programs available over the three day span. A premiere presentation of "20 & Odd" as well as the Ohio History Connection's "Black Music the Soundtrack of Humanity" highlights the virtual programs. The focus will be on intentionality with programming and partnerships will help reach a broad audience. They anticipate reaching thousands in our community to participate in at least one Juneteenth program presented from June 17th - June 19th.

Juneteenth 2021 will serve as an opportunity to educate and entertain. The focus is to have a safe family-friendly community event. The King Arts Complex plans to achieve this by having many activities and educational components that connect with the entertainment, shopping and cultural experiences that will take place during Juneteenth. It is a great opportunity to reach the community and to plant seeds of non-violence and impact early this summer. They plan to do the following:

- To connect with the City of Columbus efforts to reach communities, we will offer informational tables to any City department who wants a presence at Juneteenth.
- To include voter registration, criminal record expungement information and a job fair component for employers.
- To feature a petting zoo, face painting, double-dutch and other youth activities for the children. Juneteenth 2021 will also have live bands, live visual artist paintings, DJ's, information, food and merchant vendors.

Emergency action is necessary to avoid causing interruptions in the delivery of program services.

Fiscal Impact: Funding is available within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund.

To authorize Columbus City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with the King Arts Complex in support of the Juneteenth 2021 Celebration; to authorize appropriations and expenditures of \$20,000.00 within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$20,000.00)

WHEREAS, Juneteenth - also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Liberation Day, and Emancipation Day - is a holiday celebrating the emancipation of those who had been enslaved in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the King Arts Complex held their Juneteenth celebration was on a Friday afternoon and we saw people from all cultures with over 3,000 people in attendance.; and

WHEREAS, the King Arts Complex is planning to have multiple locations in the district to keep the program spread out enabling social-distancing to comply with any COVID-19 safety restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the King Arts Complex will reach out to our King-Lincoln neighboring organizations to partner or collaborate on Saturday, June 19, 2021; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City Clerk in that it is immediately necessary to

authorize it to enter into a grant agreement with the King Arts Complex to avoid causing interruptions in the delivery of program services for the Juneteenth 2021 Celebration, all for the preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the Columbus City Clerk is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the King Arts Complex in support of the Juneteenth 2021 Celebration.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to appropriate \$20,000.00 in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, to Columbus City Clerk, in Object Class 03 - Contractual Services, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$20,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the actions authorized in SECTION 1, is hereby authorized per the accounting 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 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.