



City of Columbus

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Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with ARTWAY, Inc., a non-profit entity, in support of the “Cartas desde Cuba - Letters from Ohio” program.

Inspired by Aminah Robinson’s Unwritten Love Letters, Cartas desde Cuba - Letters from Ohio is a creative collaboration between individuals who share a passion for creating art, cultural dialogues, and supporting communities. Original art pieces will be on view in Cuba, Columbus, Ohio, and New York City. Each exhibition displaying these works will be a cultural event showcasing freedom of expression, robust dialogue, and vibrant talent intersecting through different art mediums. The complete body of work will be copied and presented to the National Council on the Arts of Cuba. Cartas desde Cuba - Letters from Ohio is a cultural exchange between artists, uniting Cuba and Ohio and strengthening international relationships through the power of art and community.

ARTWAY Inc. aims to offer thirty grants to Ohio visual artists who participated in the project along with artists from music, dance, fashion, visual, and spoken word. These grants will create space for artists of these performance areas to participate in the curated exhibitions in Cuba.

ARTWAY is dedicated to lifting up Columbus’ established and emerging artists both locally and internationally. This project will invest in the economic and creative growth of some of Columbus’ best. Through their collaborative efforts, and through the many exhibitions and events this effort will support Building Strong Neighborhoods. The entirety of the proceeds of their work will go directly to the artists.

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

To authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with ARTWAY, Inc. in support of the “Cartas desde Cuba - Letters from Ohio” program; and to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund. (\$30,000.00)

WHEREAS, Cartas desde Cuba - Letters from Ohio is a creative collaboration between individuals who share a passion for creating art, cultural dialogues, and supporting communities; and

WHEREAS, ARTWAY Inc. aims to offer thirty grants to Ohio visual artists who participated in the project along with artists from music, dance, fashion, visual, and spoken word; and

WHEREAS, these grants will create space for artists of these performance areas to participate in the curated exhibitions in Cuba; and

WHEREAS, the entirety of the proceeds of their work will go directly to the artists; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with ARTWAY, Inc. in support of the “Cartas desde Cuba - Letters from Ohio” program.

SECTION 2: That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$30,000.00 in the Neighborhood

Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, to Columbus City Council per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3: That for the purpose authorized in Section 1 of this ordinance, the expenditure of \$30,000.00, or so much thereof as is necessary, is hereby authorized in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4: 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 legislation.

SECTION 5: That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.