



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The Development Department wishes to contract with the Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) to manage a design competition for the conceptual design of a pavilion in Italian Village Park. Funding for the pavilion comes from a grant provided by the Wood Development Company, Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund (UIRF) dollars and other contributions. The City of Columbus will construct, own, and maintain the pavilion. The NDC is well situated to manage a design competition among local and Ohio architects, which will be a public process involving a panel of stakeholders and public meetings. The recommendation of the panel of a preferred design will lead to a design contract through Recreation and Parks for design and construction of the pavilion.

The Development Department, through the UIRF Program, proposes to allocate \$19,500 to fund the NDC services to design and manage the competition. These funds will cover all costs associated with the competition, including a stipend of no more than \$1,000 per firm, and up to three short-listed firms, to cover their costs of creating conceptual designs for the pavilion. The firms will present the design to the public at an open house for their review and comment. The panel will consider those designs and the public comments in making a decision regarding a final recommendation to the Director of Recreation and Parks.

The department request emergency action designation to provide the proper timing to coordinate with nearby private construction of a residential structure and to expedite additional fundraising by the community.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation authorizes the appropriation and expenditure of \$19,500 from the Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund.

To amend the Capital Improvement Budget; to authorize the City Auditor to transfer cash between projects within the Streets and Highways Bond Fund; to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with the Neighborhood Design Center for the administration of the Italian Village Park Pavilion design competition; to authorize the expenditure of \$19,500.00 from the Streets and Highways Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$19,500.00)

WHEREAS, the Department of Development is recommending the allocation of \$250,000 within the Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund for the purpose of funding a pavilion in Italian Village Park; and

WHEREAS, the Italian Village Society has concurred with this recommendation as documented in a letter dated 2/11/2015; and

WHEREAS, the Wood Development Company has pledged \$125,000 towards the design and construction of the Italian Village Park Pavilion; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Design Center has been working on a variety of projects for the city of Columbus within the urban core; and

WHEREAS, the community desires the design and construction of a unique pavilion structure to serve the community at

this location; and

WHEREAS, design competitions are an excellent process for delivering unique designs of public infrastructure by using a public engagement and consensus building approach; and

WHEREAS, the Development Department wishes to enter into contract with the Neighborhood Design Center for the administration of the Italian Village Park Pavilion design competition, and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that this contract should be authorized immediately so that funding can be made available for necessary design services timed to be in coordination with the construction of a 7-story residential structure immediately to the south of the pavilion site, to facilitate additional fundraising by the community to support this project, and thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; **NOW THEREFORE**,

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

SECTION 1. That the 2014 Capital Improvements Budget, authorized by ordinance 0683-2014, be and is hereby amended to provide sufficient budget authority for the appropriate projects authorized within this ordinance as follows:

Fund / Project / Project Name / C.I.B. / Change / C.I.B. as Amended

704/440005-100000/ UIRF - Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund (voted carryover) / \$260,450/ (\$19,500.00)/ \$240,950
704/440005-100052/ UIRF Italian Village Pavilion / \$0/ \$19,500.00/ \$19,500.00

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor be and is hereby authorized to transfer cash and appropriation within the Streets and Highways Bond Fund, Fund 704, as follows:

Transfer from:

Fund / Project / Project Name / O.L. 01-03 Codes / OCA / Amount

704/440005-100000/ UIRF - Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund (voted carryover) / 06-6681 / 590050 / \$19,500.00

Transfer to:

Fund / Project / Project Name / O.L. 01-03 Codes / OCA / Amount

704/ 440005-100052/ UIRF Italian Village Pavilion / 06-6681 / 740552/ \$19,500.00

SECTION 3. That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to enter into contract with the Neighborhood Design Center for the administration of the Italian Village Park Pavilion design competition.

SECTION 4. That for the purpose of paying the cost of this contract the sum of up to \$19,500 is hereby authorized to be expended from the Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund, Fund 704, Project 440005-100052, UIRF Italian Village Pavilion, Object Level One 06, Object Level Three 6681, OCA Code 740552.

SECTION 5. That this contract is awarded in accordance with the relevant provisions of City Code Chapter 329 relating to not-for-profit service contracts.

SECTION 6. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance 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 7. 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 8. 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 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 ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.