



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with the Northland Area Business Association, a non-profit corporation, in support of the 161 Task Force's 161 Corridor Beautification project; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$50,000.00)

The 161 Task Force of the Northland Area Business Association is requesting funds to organize the businesses and land owners along the East Dublin Grandville corridor from Huntley Road to Ponderosa Blvd for a more sustainable maintenance and beautification program of the 980,000 square feet of green space.

The 161 Corridor has faced the same struggles as the Morse Road corridor in the 1990s and beyond, however the 161 Corridor has not been able to form a Special Improvement District, largely because a majority of the property owners on 161 are not local. This funding will help uplift the Northland neighborhoods and businesses along 161 by making the corridor more attractive.

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

Emergency action is requested in order to avoid any delay in providing the association with the resources necessary for the beautification of the 161 Corridor.

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WHEREAS, the Department of Public Service is only able to mow the 161 corridor up to 4 times a year; and

WHEREAS, the 161 Corridor has faced the same struggles as the Morse Road corridor in the 1990s and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the 161 Corridor has not been able to form a Special Improvement District, largely because a majority of the property owners on 161 are not local; and

WHEREAS, 161 Task Force is a strong coalition that meets monthly and has the capacity to envision improvements, such as banners and landscaping to beautify the corridor;

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Clerk's Office in that it is immediately necessary to authorize a grant agreement with the Northland Area Business Association to avoid any delay in providing the association with the resources necessary for the beautification of the 161 Corridor; **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 the Northland Area Business Association.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$50,000.00 in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund; fund 1000, subfund 100018, in Services-03 to the City Clerk per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$50,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the action authorized in SECTION 1 of this ordinance, is hereby authorized in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund; fund 1000, subfund

100018, in Services-03 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 ordinance.

SECTION 5. 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 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.