



## Legislation Text

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**Background:** This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to award and enter into a grant agreement with the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District for the City's share of the operation of the District and the surrounding Department-owned land for the period of April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025. This allocation will support the continued management, operation, development, marketing, security and volunteer programming of the Conservatory and the maintenance of the entire Franklin Park site, including the portion owned by the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department. This support is in accordance with the relevant provisions of City Code Chapter 111.14 that relate to grant awards. This grant shall be paid in advance.

**Principal Parties:**

Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District  
1777 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43203

**Benefits to the Public:** Supporting the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District will benefit the community by enhancing the visitor experience and creating a more attractive destination for Central Ohio residents. Franklin Park, The Conservatory, and Botanical Gardens are an asset to the entire Central Ohio community and beyond.

**Community Input Issues:** The community has expressed a desire for cultural enrichment and well-kept parks through workshops, surveys, and direct contact with staff.

**Area(s) Affected:** Citywide (99) - The entire City of Columbus, Central Ohio, and beyond will benefit from the amenities and programming offered, adding to the quality of life for citizens.

**Master Plan Relation:** This agreement supports the department's Master Plan by enhancing the quality of life of our citizens through cultural and arts experiences. It will also help to ensure that facilities remain safe and user friendly.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$350,000.00 is budgeted and available from within the Recreation and Parks Operating Fund 2285 to meet the financial obligations of this agreement; this legislation is contingent upon passage of Ordinance 3012-2023. No other funds will be used.

To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into a grant agreement with the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District for the city's share of the operation of the District in 2024; and to authorize the expenditure of \$350,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Operating Fund. (\$350,000.00).

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to authorize and direct the Director of the Recreation and Parks to enter into a grant agreement with the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District for the city's share of the operation of the District in 2024; and

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to authorize the expenditure of \$350,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Operating Fund 2285 contingent upon the passage of the 2024 City of Columbus operating budget; and

**WHEREAS,** continued support of the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District is necessary for management,

operations, development, marketing, security and volunteer programming in 2024, in accordance with Ordinance 2707-89 and Ordinance 1960-94; and

**WHEREAS**, this contract is awarded pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 111.14 that relate to grant awards; and

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District will maintain the entire Franklin Park site, including the portion owned by the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department; **NOW, THEREFORE**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of Recreation and Parks is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a grant agreement with the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District for the City's share of the operation of the District and maintenance of the entire Franklin Park site in 2024, including the portion owned by the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department.

**SECTION 2.** That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are contingent upon the passage of the 2024 City of Columbus operating budget.

**SECTION 3.** That the expenditure of \$350,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized from the Recreation and Parks Operating Fund 2285 per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** That this contract is awarded pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 111.14 that relate to grant awards.

**SECTION 5.** 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 6.** That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.