



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into contract with Designing Local Ltd in an amount up to \$32,500.00 for the purpose of pursuing private grant funding to support public art projects in Columbus.

In November 2022, Bloomberg Philanthropies announced its 2022 Public Art Challenge. Designing Local would support the City of Columbus in developing an application for this program, and for soliciting other private grant support for public art projects in the city.

This ordinance also waives competitive bidding provisions of Columbus City Codes. In order to develop an application for the Bloomberg Public Art Challenge's February 15, 2023 deadline, the Department waived competitive bidding for this contract.

Emergency action is requested in order to meet immediate deadlines associated with this grant application.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The funding of \$32,500.00 for this contract is available in the Neighborhood Economic Development Fund.

**CONTRACT COMPLIANCE:** The vendor's contract compliance 020995 is active and expires on 7/14/24.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with Designing Local Ltd in an amount up to \$32,500.00 for the purpose of pursuing private grant funding for public art; to waive the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Code; to authorize the appropriation and expenditure of \$32,500.00 from the Neighborhood Economic Development Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$32,500.00)

**WHEREAS,** Public art can express community values, enhance our environment, transform a landscape, heighten our awareness, or question our assumptions; and

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Development has identified opportunities to pursue private grant funding to support development of public art; and

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Development seeks to partner with Designing Local Ltd to develop persuasive proposals to earn private grant funding; and

**WHEREAS,** it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the City that the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Code be waived; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into contract with Designing Local Ltd to meet immediate deadlines associated with associated with this grant application; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of the Department of Development is authorized to enter into contract with Designing Local Ltd in an amount up to \$32,500.00 for the purpose of grant proposal development.

**SECTION 2.** That from the unappropriated monies and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, the sum of \$32,500.00 is appropriated in Fund 2237 (Neighborhood Economic Development Fund), Dept-Div 44-01 (Administration), in object class 03 (Services) per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** That the expenditure of \$32,500.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 2237 (Neighborhood Economic Development Fund), Dept-Div 44-01 (Administration), in object class 03 (Services) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** That this Council finds it is in the City's best interest to waive the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Codes, and same are hereby waived.

**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 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 7.** 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.