



City of Columbus

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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: In 1973 Columbus City Council began financially supporting the Greater Columbus Arts Council by setting aside funds to be granted to nonprofit arts and arts-related organizations serving the citizens of Columbus. In 1973 the fund totaled \$50,000. Today, more than seventy (70) organizations share over \$2,000,000 in city support through the hotel/motel tax.

The City of Columbus wishes to continue to support the Greater Columbus Arts Council through coordination of a celebration/event strategy on behalf of 200Columbus to ensure that the mission of the Bicentennial is fulfilled through programming that commemorates, inspires and promotes our City throughout 2012. GCAC will plan and support the execution of community and neighborhood celebrations, education, and arts and cultural programming affiliated with the Bicentennial.

This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into an agreement with the Greater Columbus Arts Council for \$200,000 for administrative costs to ensure that the mission of the Bicentennial is fulfilled through programming that commemorates, inspires and promotes our City throughout 2012.

Emergency action is requested to allow the Greater Columbus Arts Council to continue implementation of the celebration/event strategy in a timely manner.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$200,000 has been allocated from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund for this initiative.

To authorize the transfer of \$200,000 within the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund; to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into an agreement with the Greater Columbus Arts Council for administrative costs associated with the 2012 Bicentennial; to authorize the expenditure of \$200,000 from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$200,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus recognizes that cultural events and activities can be a catalyst to create economic development opportunities throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus has been financially supporting the Greater Columbus Arts Councils' mission since 1973; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus wishes to continue to support the Greater Columbus Arts Council through coordination of a celebration/event strategy on behalf of 200Columbus to ensure that the mission of the Bicentennial is fulfilled through programming that commemorates, inspires and promotes our City throughout 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Columbus Arts Council will plan and support the execution of community and neighborhood celebrations, education, and arts and cultural programming affiliated with the Bicentennial; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus will provide up to \$200,000 to carryout the above activities; and

WHEREAS, emergency action is necessary to allow the Greater Columbus Arts Council to continue the planning efforts for the Bicentennial in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City of Columbus, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of Development to enter into an agreement with the Greater Columbus Arts Council in order to preserve the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; **NOW THEREFORE**,

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

Section 1. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$200,000 within the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund, Fund 231, Subfund 004 as follows:

From:

Division 20-01 / OCA 200214 / Object Level One 03 / Object Level Three 3000

To:

Division 44-01 / OCA 231012 / Object Level One 03 / Object Level Three 3337

Section 2. That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Greater Columbus Arts Council for administrative costs associated with the 2012 Bicentennial.

Section 3. That the expenditure of \$200,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the Development Department, Administration Division, Division 44-01, Hotel/Motel Tax Fund, Fund 231, Subfund 004, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337, OCA 231012.

Section 4. That this contract is awarded pursuant to Section 329.15 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959 as amended.

Section 5. 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.