



Legislation Text

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Background: This ordinance will authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to accept a grant in the amount of \$46,823.00 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for recycling and litter prevention at the 2024 Jazz & Rib Festival.

The Ohio Environmental Protection Association's Community and Litter Grant, will assist in funding a robust waste diversion program at Jazz & Rib Fest. The Waste Diversion Program includes festival-wide recycling, with an onsite sorting center, pre-consumer composting, used cooking oil recycling, ash and charcoal composting, as well as purchasing a new supply of aluminum cups for beer sales. The aluminum cups are superior to traditional single-use plastic cups since aluminum can be recycled an infinite number of times without degrading, unlike plastic, which is deemed unusable after only a few times of being recycled. Since the implementation of the Diversion Program in 2022, Jazz & Rib Fest has diverted over 20,000 lbs of material from the landfill!

Principal Parties:

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
50 W Town St. Unit 700
Columbus, Ohio, 43215

Benefits to the Public: The promotion of recycling and prevention and efficient clean-up of litter during and after downtown festivals promotes a healthy, clean and appealing environment for our citizens.

Area(s) Affected: The Scioto Mile festival area.

Master Plan Relation: This project will support the mission of the Columbus Recreation and Parks' Master Plan by developing partnerships to broaden service opportunities and ensure long-term care of facilities.

Fiscal Impact: This ordinance will authorize the appropriation of \$46,823.00 to the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund 2283. This ordinance will also authorize a 25% grant match of \$11,706.00 from the Recreation and Parks Operating fund 2285.

To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio EPA and accept a grant in the amount of \$46,823.00 for recycling and litter prevention; to authorize the appropriation of \$46,823.00 in the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund. (\$46,823.00)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio EPA and accept a grant in the amount of \$46,823.00 for recycling and litter prevention; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the appropriation of \$46,823.00 in the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund; **NOW, THEREFORE**

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Recreation and Parks is authorized and directed to enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio EPA and accept a grant in the amount of \$46,823.00 for recycling and litter prevention.

SECTION 2. That from the un-appropriated monies in Fund 2283 Recreation and Parks Grant Fund and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and un-appropriated for any other purpose during the grant period, the sum of \$46,823.00 is appropriated upon receipt of an executed grant agreement in accordance with the funding template attached to this legislation.

SECTION 3. 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 4. At the end of the grant period, any repayment of unencumbered balances required by the grantor is hereby authorized in accordance with all applicable grant agreements.

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 this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.