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Legislation Text

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Background: As part of the Consent Order and Settlement Agreement between the City of Columbus and Penn National Gaming, Inc., the parties agreed to create the Westside Community Fund. Both the City of Columbus and Penn National Gaming agreed to contribute \$2,500,000 to the Westside Community Fund, with the first payment of \$1,000,000 made in 2012. Additional contributions of \$750,000 were to be made by each party in 2013. The parties further agreed to each contribute \$500,000 in 2014 and \$250,000 in 2015.

The Westside Community Fund will be used for a variety of projects related to the neighborhood(s) immediately surrounding the Casino development and/or the citizens thereof, including but not limited to job training, minority affairs, economic development and/or capital projects.

This ordinance authorizes the appropriation and expenditure of \$125,000 from the Westside Community Fund for support of the Hilltop YMCA. These funds are a contribution to the Hilltop YMCA Capital Campaign. With this appropriation, the Hilltop YMCA will be able to reach their fundraising goal of \$1,900,000. These new dollars will be used to expand the current facility with a 6,300 square foot addition. The new features of the additional space will include a Multi-purpose/Activity Room, expansion of the Child Watch Area, an addition of family-designated changing rooms, expansion of the current Wellness Center, as well as renovation and updates to the existing infrastructure.

Fiscal Impact: Funds have been deposited into the Westside Community Fund from proceeds from the city's allocation of State Casino Tax Revenues to support this expenditure.

To authorize the appropriation of \$125,000.00 in the Westside Community Fund, to authorize the Director of the Development Department to enter into contract with the Hilltop YMCA; to authorize the expenditure of \$125,000.00 from the Westside Community Fund for support of the Hilltop YMCA; and to declare an emergency. (\$125,000.00)

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2011, Columbus City Council passed Ordinance 0889-2011, which authorized the execution of the Consent Order and Settlement Agreement in the case of CD Gaming v. City of Columbus, et al; and

WHEREAS, as a part of that settlement, the City of Columbus and Penn National Gaming, Inc. agreed to create the Westside Community Fund; and

WHEREAS, each party agreed to contribute \$2,500,000 to the Westside Community Fund, with the first payment of \$1,000,000 million made in 2012, and contributions of \$750,000 in 2013, \$500,000 in 2014 and \$250,000 in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Westside Community Fund will be used for a variety of projects related to the neighborhood(s) immediately surrounding the Casino development and/or the citizens thereof, including but not limited to job training, minority affairs, economic development and/or capital projects; and

WHEREAS, as part of this commitment in 2013, each party has agreed to support the Hilltop YMCA in the amount of \$125,000 each; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in that this Ordinance is required to be immediately effective in order to facilitate the

timely and continuing development of the Westside Community and the resulting creation and retention of jobs, such immediate action being necessary for the preservation of the public health, peace, property and safety; and **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

Section 1. That from the unappropriated balance of the Westside Community Fund, Fund 276, and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purchase during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013, the sum of \$125,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated within Fund/Subfund 276-001, Westside Community Fund, Dept/Div 44-01, OCA 276001, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337.

Section 2. That The Department of Development is hereby authorized to enter into contract with the Hilltop YMCA to provide support to its capital campaign, which funds renovation and updates, as well as a 6,300 square foot addition to its current structure.

Section 3. That for the purpose stated in Section 2, the expenditure of \$125,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the Department of Development, Office of the Director, Division No. 44-01, Westside Community Fund, Fund 276-001, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337, OCA Code 276001.

Section 4. That all monies necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance are hereby appropriated.

Section 5. That the award of this contract meets the procurement provisions of Chapter 329.15 of the Columbus City Code, 1959.

Section 6. 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 the passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.