



Legislation Text

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This ordinance will authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to establish a purchase order with the Columbus Museum of Art in the amount of \$1,600,000 for the administration of the construction of improvements to the Museum. Section III of the existing grant agreement, established in 2013 per Ordinance No. 2116-2013, addresses future grant funds as being automatically a part of the original grant agreement upon passage of an ordinance authorizing the new funds.

Background: 2016 funding from the City of Columbus will be used for site work to the Broad Street lawn as the final phase of the Museum's multi-year expansion and renovation project. The Broad Street lawn is the formal, historic entry and "face" of the Museum complex. This area will undergo renovation of the Broad Street steps to modernize and provide safe access to the Museum. The project will also include the redesign of the plantings and green space of the area on Broad Street side of the facility between Washington and 9th.

The development of the Museum facility and public grounds is part of a larger initiative in the Discovery District, including expansions by CCAD, Columbus State and private developers. Most importantly, this project ensures that the Columbus Museum of Art, the oldest Museum in the state, remains a sustainable, competitive and relevant community asset for future generations. The renovated Museum opened its door October 25, 2015 and, in the first 30 weeks, welcomed 228,146 visitors.

Principal Parties:

Columbus Museum of Art
480 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
Federal Identification Number: 31-4379447
Non-Profit Organization

Emergency Justification: Emergency action is requested to allow the Columbus Museum of Art to keep construction on schedule, keeping the impact to facility operations to a minimum, and allowing the improvements to be utilized by the community as soon as possible.

Benefits to the Public: These improvements will benefit the community by enhancing the visitor experience, creating a more attractive destination for Central Ohio residents and beyond. The Museum of Art and the surrounding public grounds are an asset to the entire Central Ohio community.

Community Input Issues: Based on research and surveys conducted by the Greater Columbus Arts Council, most Columbus residents think it's important for the city to financially support the arts and believe the arts greatly enhance the city's quality of life.

Area(s) Affected: The entire City of Columbus, Central Ohio, and beyond will benefit from these improvements, adding to the quality of life for citizens and creating an attractive environment for industry.

Master Plan Relation: This project supports the mission of the Recreation and Parks by enhancing the quality of life of our citizens. The Master Plan's focus on creating improved facilities and green space is supported by these improvements.

Fiscal impact: The expenditure of \$1,600,000.00 is budgeted in the Recreation and Parks Voted Recreation and Parks Bond Fund 7702 to meet the financial obligations of this agreement. Funding is contingent on the 2016 Bond Sale.

To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to make payment to the Columbus Museum of Art as part of existing grant agreement; to authorize the expenditure of \$1,600,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$1,600,000.00)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to make payment to the Columbus Museum of Art for the construction of improvements to the Project Area as part of the existing grant agreement; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to enter into said agreement to allow the Columbus Museum of Art to keep construction on schedule, keeping the impact to facility operations to a minimum, and allowing the improvements to be utilized by the community as soon as possible and for the preservation of public health, peace, property and safety; **NOW, THEREFORE**

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Recreation and Parks be and he is hereby authorized and directed to make payment to the Columbus Museum of Art per the existing grant agreement for the construction of improvements to the Project Area.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$1,600,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the cost thereof, be and is hereby authorized from the Voted Recreation and Parks Bond Fund 7702 in object class 06 Capital Outlay per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance. Funding is contingent on the 2016 Bond Sale.

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 5. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.

SECTION 6. That the monies in the foregoing Section 2 shall be paid upon order of the Director of Recreation and Parks, and that no order shall be drawn or monies paid except by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

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 10 days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.