



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: To authorize the Director of the Finance and Management Department to enter into contract with the Greater Columbus Arts Council, Inc.(GCAC), to provide Hotel/Motel excise tax proceeds for the purpose of fostering arts and cultural services that enrich the community. Funds will be disbursed in accordance with Section 371.02(c) of Columbus City Codes, 1959, which in part designates a portion of the Hotel/Motel excise tax proceeds for the aforementioned purpose. In 2017, that portion of the Hotel/Motel excise tax proceeds are projected to be \$6,873,196.00. The Greater Columbus Arts Council (GCAC) will be provided 97 percent, or \$6,667,000.00, of the funds to administer a variety of art and cultural programs and grants, pursuant to this objective. The balance of projected receipts will be reserved for cultural arts programs and services contracted under the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department.

Greater Columbus Arts Council, Contract Compliance#: 31-0833384 (non- profit)

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes an expenditure of \$6,667,000.00 from the Hotel/Motel Excise Tax Fund with the Greater Columbus Arts Council to provide cultural services for the enrichment of the community. These funds are budgeted in the Hotel/Motel Excise Tax fund for these services. Funding for this contract will come from receipts into the Hotel/Motel tax fund in accordance with Section 371.02 of the Columbus City Codes. Allocated dollars represent 97 percent of Hotel/Motel Tax Funds set aside for cultural services for community enrichment. In 2016, the City entered into a \$6,441,000.00 contract with the Greater Columbus Arts Council for these same services.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Finance and Management to enter into contract with the Greater Columbus Arts Council, Inc. for the purpose of fostering and sustaining arts and cultural services that enrich the Columbus community; to authorize the expenditure of \$6,667,000.00 from the Hotel/Motel Excise Tax Fund. (\$6,667,000.00)

WHEREAS, Section 371.02(c) of the Columbus City Codes specifies that 1.68% of the combined rates of 5.1% of the revenues of the hotel/motel excise tax are to be used for expanding cultural services for the enrichment of the community; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned rates were established pursuant to Ord. 0484-2014; and

WHEREAS, this mission is best achieved by using said funds to support a broad array of programs, including but not limited to: fine arts exhibits, concerts, festivals, city park activities, vocational opportunities, and other programs for the visual and performing arts, including those provided by both professional and amateur artists, and public art; and

WHEREAS, for many years, the Greater Columbus Arts Council, Inc. has served as the city's primary non-profit agency to disburse cultural arts funding; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Director of the Department of Finance and Management to enter into contract with the Greater Columbus Arts Council, Inc. to provide cultural services for the enrichment of the community; and

WHEREAS, Ord. 2864-2016 appropriated \$6,667,000.00 from the monies in the fund known as the Hotel-Motel Tax Fund, Fund No. 2231, and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources during the 12

months ending December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Director to enter into contract with the Greater Columbus Arts Council, Inc. to allocate hotel-motel excise taxes to nurture arts and cultural services that enrich the enrichment of the community; now, therefore

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Finance and Management Department is hereby authorized to enter into contract with the Greater Columbus Arts Council, Inc., to foster arts and cultural services for the enrichment and benefit of the citizens of Columbus.

SECTION 2. Said contract shall provide for payment by the City for such services in accordance with Chapter 371.02(c) of Columbus City Codes, 1959, and 97% of 1.68% of the combined rates of 5.1%, presently estimated at \$6,667,000.00, is hereby authorized to be expended from the Hotel/Motel Excise Tax Fund 2231, Sub-Fund 223115 in Object Class 03 Contractual Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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SECTION 3. That this contract is awarded in accordance with the relevant provisions of Columbus City Code Chapter 329 relating to awarding not-for-profit service contracts exceeding twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00).

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 legislation.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.