



## Legislation Text

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### **1. BACKGROUND**

This legislation authorizes the City Auditor to appropriate \$1,896,000.00 within the Smart City Private Grant Fund, contingent upon the execution of the revised amendment obligated by Paul G. Allen Philanthropies for various expenses related to the implementation of the Smart Columbus Electrification Plan.

In 2016, the City of Columbus, acting through the Department of Public Service, pursued and won a \$10 million grant from the Paul G. Allen Philanthropies (Vulcan Inc.) in connection with the Smart City Challenge sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation. The purpose of that award is to enable the City to lay a practical path to replacing carbon-based fuel consumption through critical system improvements that increase safety, reduce carbon emissions, and enhance mobility.

Ordinance 1863-2016 authorized the Director of Public Service to enter into agreements with and to accept grant monies and other resources from Vulcan Inc., which are to be distributed to the City over the course of four years.

Ordinance 1901-2017 authorized the transfer of signature authority from the Director of Public Service to the City's Chief Innovation Officer or the Chief Innovation Officer's designee for all past, present, and future contracts entered into by the City of Columbus in connection with Smart Columbus, the Smart City Challenge, and the Paul G. Allen Philanthropies (Vulcan) projects, along with all future documents requiring signature for any of these projects.

This legislation authorizes the Department of Public Service to appropriate the fourth installment of Vulcan grant funding, contingent upon the execution of the revised amendment obligated by Paul G. Allen Philanthropies, which will support the implementation of the Smart Columbus Electrification Plan. Separate legislation will be submitted for Council's approval to expend the appropriated funds.

### **2. FISCAL IMPACT**

Upon authorization of this legislation, \$1,716,000.00 will be appropriated in Fund 7768 Smart City Private Grant Fund within the Department of Public Service for project expenditures related to the implementation of the Smart Columbus Electrification Plan and \$180,000.00 will be appropriated in Fund 7768 Smart City Private Grant Fund within the Department of Public Service after receipt of the second payment installment by Paul G. Allen Philanthropies. Approval of this ordinance is contingent upon the execution of the revised amendment obligated by Paul G. Allen Philanthropies.

To authorize the appropriation of funds in the Smart City Grant Fund within the Department of Public Service, contingent upon the execution of the revised amendment obligated by Paul G. Allen Philanthropies, for various expenses related to the implementation of the Smart Columbus Electrification Plan. (\$1,896,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, on June 23, 2016, the Paul G. Allen Philanthropies (Vulcan, Inc.) awarded the City of Columbus a \$10 million grant for the purpose of replacing carbon-based fuel consumption through critical system improvements that increase safety, reduce carbon emissions, and enhance mobility; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 1863-2016 authorized the Director of Public Service to enter into agreements with and to accept grant monies and other resources from Vulcan Inc., which are to be distributed to the City over the course of four years; and

**WHEREAS**, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Service to authorize the City Auditor to appropriate the fourth installment of Vulcan grant funds, contingent upon the execution of the revised

amendment obligated by Paul G. Allen Philanthropies, which will support the implementation of the Smart Columbus Electrification Plan; **now, therefore:**

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

**SECTION 1.** That from the unappropriated monies and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, the sum of \$1,716,000.00 is appropriated in Fund 7768 Smart City Private Grant Fund in Object Class 03 Services, contingent upon the execution of the revised amendment obligated by Paul G. Allen Philanthropies for various expenses related to the implementation of the Smart Columbus Electrification Plan, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 2.** That from the unappropriated monies and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, the sum of \$180,000.00 will be appropriated in Fund 7768 Smart City Private Grant Fund in Object Class 03 Services and in Object Class 06 Capital Outlay within the Department of Public Service after receipt of the second payment installment by Paul G. Allen Philanthropies.

**SECTION 3.** That, at the end of the grant period, any repayment of unencumbered balances required by the grantor is hereby authorized and any unused City match monies may be transferred back to the City fund from which they originated in accordance with all applicable grant agreements.

**SECTION 4.** That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, contingent upon receipt of additional funding obligated by Paul G. Allen Philanthropies, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

**SECTION 5.** 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 6.** That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.