



## Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes Columbus City Council to enter into a grant agreement with the Greater Columbus Arts Council in support of the ConnectArt Project.

In association with the ConnectArt project several Columbus based artists participated in a cultural artist exchange between Cuba and Columbus in April 2019. Thirty-nine artist traveled to Cuba for the 2019 Havana Biennial which was established in 1984. Approximately 235 artists from 50 countries are projected to have attended the event. This opportunity provided international exposure for the Columbus artists that participated. Collectors and Museum curators form around the world had an opportunity to see their art. Five artists, Elsie Sanchez, Aminah Robison, Laura Alexander, Tariq Tarey and Cody Heichel had special features at the exhibition.

Moreover, ConnectArt is planning to extend the cultural exchange by bringing an exhibit featuring Cuban artist to Columbus. This will also be an opportunity for artist who traveled to Cuba to continue to share what they experienced while in Cuba. Further, the exhibit will bring the artistic talents of Cuban artist to Columbus, with the works of a Cuban artist to be shown throughout Columbus in many of the art institutions, galleries, business, and public buildings including the Cultural Arts Center. In addition, a documentary is being created to share how the support of private and public institutions made the project possible illustrating the spirit of “Columbus Makes Art and Art Makes Columbus.”

**Fiscal Impact:** Funding is available within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund.

To authorize Columbus City Council to enter into a grant agreement with the Greater Columbus Arts Council in support of the ConnectArt project; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund. (\$5,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, in association with the ConnectArt project several Columbus based artists participated in a cultural artist exchange between Cuba and Columbus in April 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, thirty-nine artist traveled to Cuba for the 2019 Havana Biennial, where approximately 235 artists from 50 countries are projected to have attended the event; and

**WHEREAS**, ConnectArt is planning to extend the cultural exchange by bringing an exhibit featuring Cuban artist to Columbus; and

**WHEREAS**, the exhibit will bring the artistic talents of Cuban artist to Columbus, with the works of a Cuban artist to be shown throughout Columbus in many of the art institutions, galleries, business, and public buildings including the Cultural Arts Center; now, therefore,

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

**SECTION 1.** That Columbus City Council is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Greater Columbus Arts Council in support of the ConnectArt project.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to appropriate \$5,000.00 in the Neighborhood Initiatives

subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, to Columbus City Council, in Object Class 03 - Contractual Services, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** That the expenditure of \$5,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the actions authorized in SECTION 1, is hereby authorized per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** 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 5.** That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.