



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND

The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize Columbus City Council to enter into a grant agreement with Elevate Northland in support of a multi-use retail and co-working development in the Northland area. This proposed development, located near I-71 and Hwy 161, would contain a 20,000+ square foot structure on 1.32 acres, and consist of an ethnic food hall with commercial kitchen, dining area, outdoor patio, community garden, open co-working spaces, and conference/meeting room for rent. Elevate Northland is a partnership involving the Northland Community Council, Northland Alliance, and Northland Area Business Association, with a mission to promote sustainable social and economic development in the Northland area.

There has been significant effort by neighborhood leaders and stakeholders to develop the 161 corridor in Northland. This project represents a cooperative development combining business incubation, an international market, non-profit hub, and a community center to create a destination community hub anchored by locally-owned, multicultural businesses. Columbus City Council has been an advocate for development that strengthens neighborhoods, and is supporting this project with \$15,000.00 in funding from the Jobs Growth subfund.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION: Emergency action is requested in order to immediately provide Elevate Northland with the support necessary to begin development of the project.

FISCAL IMPACT: Total appropriation is \$15,000.00 and is available in the 2019 budget within the Jobs Growth subfund, Fund 1000-100015.

To authorize Columbus City Council to enter into a grant agreement with Elevate Northland in support of a multi-use retail and co-working development; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure of \$15,000.00 within the Jobs Growth subfund, and to declare an emergency. (\$15,000.00)

WHEREAS, Elevate Northland is a partnership involving the Northland Community Council, Northland Alliance, and Northland Area Business Association, with a mission to promote sustainable social and economic development in the Northland area; and

WHEREAS, this organization is engaged in a project that represents a cooperative development combining business incubation, an international market, non-profit hub, and a community center to create a destination community hub anchored by locally-owned, multicultural businesses ; and,

WHEREAS, Columbus City Council has been an advocate for and supporter of development that strengthens neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, \$15,000.00 is available in the Jobs Growth subfund for appropriation and expenditure to provide for this need; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus City Council, in that it is necessary to ensure that funds can be provided to Elevate Northland for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; 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 Elevate Northland in support of a multi-use retail and co-working development.

SECTION 2: That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$15,000.00 in the Jobs Growth subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100015, to Columbus City Council per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3: That the expenditure of \$15,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the action authorized in SECTION 1 of this ordinance, is hereby authorized in the Jobs Growth subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100015 per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4: That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is 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 passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.