



## Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes Columbus City Council to enter into a grant agreement with Columbus Historical Society in support of their acquisition and renovation of the property at 540 West Broad Street.

The aforementioned property is a firehouse originally constructed in 1892, and ceased operating as a firehouse in 1966. The building has served a variety of functions since but has been long-vacant. In partnership with Heritage Ohio, a historic preservation group, the Columbus Historical Society will purchase the building, where it will serve as the organization's permanent home and exhibition site.

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

**Emergency action** is requested in order to avoid any delay in providing the Columbus Historical Society with the funding necessary to execute the transaction.

To authorize Columbus City Council to enter into a grant agreement with Columbus Historical Society in support of their acquisition and renovation of the property at 540 West Broad Street; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$40,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, the property at 540 West Broad Street was originally constructed in 1892 as a firehouse; and

**WHEREAS**, the property has been long-vacant and in need of preservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus Historical Society, in partnership with Heritage Ohio, intends to purchase and renovate the property in order to serve as the Society's permanent home and exhibition site; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City in that it is immediately necessary to authorize City Council to enter into a grant agreement with Columbus Historical Society in order to avoid any delay in providing the funding necessary to execute the transaction, for the preservation of the public health, 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 the Columbus Historical Society in support of their acquisition and renovation of the property at 540 West Broad Street.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$40,000.00 in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, to Columbus City Council per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** That the expenditure of \$40,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the actions authorized in SECTION 1, is hereby authorized in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018 per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** 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 ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.