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Background: This legislation authorizes the Director of Development to modify a grant agreement with the Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in an amount up to $300,000.00 and to modify the scope of services as necessary.

Original agreement	$ 750,000.00	ord. 1569-2020	PO241883
Modification 1	$ 300,000.00		
Total agreement amount	$1,050,000.00		

Ordinance 1569-2020, passed by Columbus City Council, on July 20, 2020, provided operating support for the organization effective March 1, 2020. This ordinance will provide additional operating support for expenses from March 1, 2020, through November 30, 2020.

Emergency Designation: Emergency action is requested to continue to provide operating support during the COVID-19 health emergency.

Fiscal Impact: Funding is provided to the City of Columbus from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act passed by Congress and signed into law March 27, 2020 and available in the Department of Development's CARES Act budget (fund 2207, subfund 220702).

To authorize the Director of Development to modify a grant agreement with the Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in an amount up to $300,000.00 and to modify the scope of services as necessary; to authorize an expenditure up to $300,000.00 from the CARES Act Fund; and to declare an emergency. ($300,000.00)

WHEREAS, Columbus City Council approved Ordinance 1569-2020 to provide $750,000.00 of CARES Act funding to Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens for operational support; and

WHEREAS, additional operating support is needed; and

WHEREAS, the COVID 19 pandemic has resulted in closures that have adversely affected the Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens' operating budget; and

WHEREAS, expenditure of CARES Act funding is necessary to address unforeseen needs caused by closures resulting from the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, such expenditure of funds has not been previously accounted for in the 2020 Budget; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to modify a grant agreement with Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens to continue to provide operating support during the COVID-19 health emergency, for the public health, safety and welfare; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1: That the Director of Development is hereby authorized to modify a grant agreement with Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in an amount up to $300,000.00 and to modify the scope of services as necessary.

SECTION 2. That for the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of $300,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 2207 (CARES Act), Dept Div 44-01 (Administration), in object class 03 (Services) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That this contract is awarded in accordance with the relevant provisions of City Code Chapter 329 relating to not for profit service contracts.

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 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, 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 passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.

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