



## Legislation Text

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### **BACKGROUND:**

This ordinance authorizes the Director of Development to execute a grant agreement with Maroon Arts Group for sponsorship of their Pitch Black Columbus events. The total amount of this grant agreement is \$15,000.

The intent of Pitch Black Columbus is to provide residents an opportunity to pitch their community and economic development ideas and receive crowd-funded dollars to launch their initiatives.

Sponsorship of this event aligns with Columbus City Council's priority of promoting opportunities for entrepreneurship, building strong neighborhoods, and developing pathways out of poverty. The grant dollars will be used to match the funds raised by ticket sales.

Emergency action is necessary due to the time-sensitive deadlines of event sponsorship.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding is available in the Jobs Growth subfund.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to execute a grant agreement with Maroon Arts Group for sponsorship of the Pitch Black Columbus events; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure of \$15,000.00 from the Jobs Growth subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$15,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, it is a top priority of Columbus City Council to support efforts that enhance economic development, entrepreneurship, and building strong neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council is authorized to allocate funds annually to assist agencies in the City with the operating costs of delivering programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Department of Development desires to enter into a grant agreement with Maroon Arts Group to sponsor the Pitch Black Columbus events; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to authorize Council to enter into a grant agreement with Maroon Arts Group and appropriate said funds to have funding available for necessary expenditures due to the time-sensitive deadlines of the event; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

**SECTION 1.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$15,000.00 in the Jobs Growth subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100015, to the Department of Development per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 2.** That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Maroon Arts Group for the purpose of sponsoring the Pitch Black Columbus events.

**SECTION 3.** That the expenditure of \$15,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the actions authorized in SECTION 2, 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 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.