



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND

This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a Grant Agreement, in an amount up to \$1,400,000.00, with Ohio Historical Society, Inc., a non-profit organization doing business as Ohio History Connection, to complete construction on exterior and interior preservation and renovation, as well as site work and landscaping for Poindexter Village.

In 1940 the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) developed 426 dwelling units in 33 buildings to provide affordable housing for primarily African American residents on the East side of Columbus. The development was named after pastor and activist Reverend James A. Poindexter. The Village produced many nationally and locally successful individuals including Aminah Robinson, Nancy Wilson, and Jimmy Rogers.

In 2008, CMHA undertook a process to redevelop the Poindexter Village site. Although the majority of the original buildings were demolished, CMHA preserved two of the original buildings. In December of 2016, CMHA approved the sale of the buildings to the Ohio History Connection for long term preservation. The Ohio History Connection will collaborate with the James Preston Poindexter Foundation to create exhibits and programming at the site that promote the history and story of the residents.

The City of Columbus supported Phase 1 of the project with a capital grant of \$1,100,000 approved by Columbus City Council on October 30, 2017 by Ordinance 2761-2017. The City of Columbus is committed to continue support for Phase 2 with a capital grant of \$1,400,000.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding is available in 2022 Capital Improvement Budget.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: The vendor number is 006096 and renewal is pending.

To authorize the Director of Development to enter into a Grant Agreement in an amount up to \$1,400,000.00 with The Ohio Historical Society, Inc., DBA Ohio History Connection to provide a capital grant supporting construction on exterior and interior preservation and renovation, as well as, site work and landscaping for Poindexter Village to authorize an expenditure of \$1,400,000.00 from the Northland and Other Acquisitions Fund. (\$1,400,000.00)

WHEREAS, in 1940 the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) developed 426 dwelling units in 33 buildings to provide affordable housing for primarily African American residents on the East side of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, CMHA undertook a process to redevelop the Poindexter Village site; and

WHEREAS, although the majority of the original buildings were demolished, CMHA preserved two of the original buildings; and

WHEREAS, in December of 2016, CMHA approved the sale of the buildings to the Ohio History Connection for long term preservation; and

WHEREAS, The City of Columbus supported Phase 1 of the project with a capital grant of \$1,100,000 approved by Columbus City Council on October 30, 2017 by Ordinance 2761-2017; and

WHEREAS, The City of Columbus is committed to continue support for Phase 2 with a capital grant of \$1,400,000;
NOW THEREFORE

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Development be and is hereby authorized to enter into a Grant Agreement, in an amount up to \$1,400,000.00 with The Ohio Historical Society, Inc., DBA Ohio History Connection, to complete construction on exterior and interior preservation and renovation, as well as, site work and landscaping for Poindexter Village.

SECTION 2. That for the purpose as stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$1,400,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized in fund 7735 (Northland and Other Acquisitions Bond Fund), Project P590418-100000, Dept. 44-01 (Administration), in Object Class 06 (Capital Outlay) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.

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 this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.