



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with the Columbus Historical Society in support of their Community Historical Preservation and Education program.

The Columbus Historical Society (CHS), a not for profit corporation, will soon open the Columbus Heritage Center. The Center, located in historic Franklinton, will become the City's resource for its shared multi-cultural heritage. This project includes space for exhibits, archives, a research library, outdoor children's history exhibits, and community meetings and performances.

Additionally, CHS maintains archives and exhibitions, including most recently a collection of artifacts related to Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War. This collection includes over 1,000 books and over 1,000 letters, documents, speeches, newspapers, and maps, requiring extensive archival preservation.

CHS holds multiple-topic presentations and events on local history at venues throughout the city. Many of these include partnerships with other not-for-profit organizations. Columbus Historical Society events are family friendly and usually free and always open to all, which provides opportunities for all residents, regardless of their economic situation.

Fiscal Impact: Funding for this agreement is available within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund.

To authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with the Columbus Historical Society in support of their Community Historical Preservation and Education program; and to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund. (\$150,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Columbus Historical Society (CHS) will soon open the Columbus Heritage Center; and

WHEREAS, CHS maintains archives and exhibitions, including most recently a collection of artifacts related to Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, Columbus Historical Society events are family friendly and usually free and always open to all, which provides opportunities for all residents, regardless of their economic situation; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Columbus Historical Society in support of their Community Historical Preservation and Education program.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$150,000.00 in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, to the City Clerk per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$150,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the action authorized in SECTION 1 of this ordinance, is hereby authorized in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018 per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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 at the earliest date allowable by law.