



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Artway to operate as a fiscal agent in support of the Sounds from the Living Room event in the Southside neighborhood.

Artway Inc. is a non-profit organization in Columbus that will provide support to the Atelier 411 Studios' "Sounds from the Living Room" event. The production studio empowers and uplifts underrepresented filmmakers in the Columbus community. Their mission is to build a film studio that serves as a vehicle to provide distribution, jobs, and opportunities to these underserved filmmakers. The Sounds from the Living Room is Atelier 411's flagship event, combining the power of storytelling with the sensory journey of house music to create a community space where everyone can connect, feel at home, and celebrate the art of filmmaking.

This event will bring together members of the southside community in Columbus to create a safe and inclusive space for attendees to enjoy live music and connect with neighbors. The program will also promote local businesses by exposing them to the community.

Emergency legislation is required to allow for deposits to be made in advance of the event to secure equipment for the live music and for deposits on contracts with local artists and performers.

Fiscal Impact: Funding is available within the Job Growth subfund.

To authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Artway Inc to serve as a fiscal agent in support of the Sounds from the Living Room event; and to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Job Growth subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$11,000.00)

WHEREAS, Artway Inc. is a non-profit organization in Columbus that advocates for the arts and supports communities that are underrepresented in the arts; and

WHEREAS, Artway is prepared to serve as a fiscal agent in support of the Sounds from the Living Room event which will provide a community event on the southside for underrepresented filmmakers and artists to connect and celebrate house music and filmmaking; and

WHEREAS, Columbus City Council seeks to promote cultural opportunities in communities that uplift underrepresented artists and entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Clerk's Office in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Artway Inc. to serve as a fiscal agent in support of the Sounds from the Living Room event so that deposits can be made in advance of the event to secure equipment for the live music and for deposits on contracts with local artists and performers for the event; **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 Artway Inc. to operate as the fiscal agent in support of Atelier 411 Studios' "Sounds from the Living Room" flagship event.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$11,000.00 in the Job Growth

subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100015, to the City Clerk per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$11,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the action authorized in SECTION 1 of this ordinance, is hereby authorized in the Job Growth subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100015 per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. 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 5. 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.