



## Legislation Text

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**Background:** This ordinance authorizes the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with He(Arts) Aligned to operate as a fiscal agent in support of the Black Fashion Expo event.

He(Arts) Aligned is a non-profit organization in Columbus that will provide support to the Black Fashion Expo event. The mission of Black Fashion Expo is to provide a platform for black fashion talent to showcase work and gain increased visibility and exposure within the industry, leading to potential business opportunities, collaborations, and partnerships.

This grant will support the Black Fashion Expo event, which is designed to benefit and support black creatives and entrepreneurs in the fashion industry. It also serves as a platform for fashion enthusiasts, consumers, and industry stakeholders to connect with and support black fashion talent. The program includes exhibitor booths for black fashion creatives and entrepreneurs and in-person activations including fashion shows and workshops.

This funding will cover booth fees, exhibit materials, travel expenses, staffing, and other required production needs for the event. The funding also supports a 10% administration fee for He(arts) Aligned.

Emergency legislation is required so that reimbursements for the cost of the event, which started on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, can be made in as timely a manner as possible.

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

To authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Hearts Aligned to serve as a fiscal agent in support of the Black Fashion Expo event; and to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Job Growth subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$25,000.00)

**WHEREAS,** Hearts Aligned is a non-profit organization in Columbus that seeks to support underrepresented artists, including fashion professionals; and

**WHEREAS,** Hearts Aligned is prepared to serve as a fiscal agent in support of the Black Fashion Expo event which will showcase, celebrate, and empower black fashion talent through an inclusive exhibition; and

**WHEREAS,** Columbus City Council seeks to promote the celebration and empowerment of black fashion talent and black entrepreneurship as pathways to greater economic stability and opportunity for artistic expression for individuals and communities within the city; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City Clerk's Office in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with Hearts Aligned to serve as a fiscal agent in support of the Black Fashion Expo event so that reimbursements for the cost of the event, which is currently ongoing, can be made in as timely a manner as possible; **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 Hearts Aligned to operate as the fiscal agent in support of the Black Fashion Expo event.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$25,000.00 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 \$25,000.00 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.