

Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with the Discovery District Development Corporation dba the Discovery District Civic Association, a non-profit entity, in support of their Lafayette Mural Alley project.

The Discovery District is a special improvement district in downtown Columbus and is the home of Columbus State Community College, Columbus College of Art and Design, Columbus Museum of Art, and Columbus Metropolitan Library. The Discovery District Civic Association promotes and enhances the experience of those that live, work and visit the Discovery District.

The Discovery District Civic Association has begun a major public art project called the Lafayette Mural Alley Project. They reached out to property owners on a 4 block stretch of Lafayette Alley between Spring and Long to ask their permission to paint murals on their buildings. Over 150 artists submitted applications to paint and a selection of 35 artists from different artistic backgrounds, social and cultural demographics, and neighborhood and city locations has been made. The project will showcase the vast talent of public artists from the various neighborhoods of Columbus, introduce national artists to the community, and enhance the experience in the Discovery District by creating a major collection of public artworks.

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

To authorize the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with the Discovery District Development Corporation dba the Discovery District Civic Association in support of their Lafayette Mural Alley project; and to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund. (\$10,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Discovery District is a special improvement district in downtown Columbus and is the home of Columbus State Community College, Columbus College of Art and Design, Columbus Museum of Art, and Columbus Metropolitan Library.; and

WHEREAS, the Discovery District Civic Association has begun a major public art projected called the Lafayette Mural Alley Project; and

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Mural Alley project will showcase the vast talent of public artists from the various neighborhoods of Columbus, introduce national artists to the community, and enhance the experience in the Discovery District by creating a major collection of public artworks; **NOW**, **THEREFORE**,

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

SECTION 1. That the City Clerk is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the not-for-profit Discovery District Development Corporation dba Discovery District Civic Association in support of their Lafayette Mural Alley project.

SECTION 2. That the appropriation and expenditure of \$10,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the action authorized in SECTION 1, is authorized in the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are deemed appropriated, and the City

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Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

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