Background: This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into an advance-pay grant agreement with the Community Arts Project, Inc. for the period of April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027. This agreement will allow the City to continue its financial support in 2026 for the programs offered at the Garfield School, as well as the operation and maintenance of the facility. Funding for these programs began in 1992 when the Community Arts Project, Inc.began leasing the Garfield School from the Recreation and Parks Department. Since then, the entire community has benefited and will continue to benefit from the cultural and arts programming offered at the school. This support is in accordance with the relevant provisions of City Code Chapter 111.14 that relate to grant awards.

Principal Parties:
Community Arts Project, Inc.
835 Mt. Vernon Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43203
Jevon Collins - 614-645-0643
Contract Compliance Number 001876

Benefits to the Public: Supporting The King Arts Complex provides citizen enrichment through cultural and arts programming.

Community Input Issues: The community has expressed a desire for cultural enrichment and programming available to residents through workshops, surveys, and direct contact with staff.

Area(s) Affected: Citywide (99) - The entire City of Columbus, Central Ohio, and beyond will benefit from the programming offered, adding to the quality of life for Complex users.

Master Plan Relation: This agreement supports the department's Master Plan by enhancing the quality of life of our citizens through cultural and arts experiences. It will also help to ensure that facilities remain safe and user friendly.

Fiscal Impact: $75,000.00 is budgeted and available from within the Recreation and Parks Operating Fund 2285 to meet the financial obligations of this agreement. No other funds will be used.

To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into an advance-pay grant agreement with the Community Arts Project, Inc. to provide financial support toward community programming, facility operations and maintenance; and to authorize the expenditure of $75,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Operating Fund. ($75,000.00)

WHEREAS, since the early 1990's, the community at-large has benefited and will continue to benefit from the cultural experiences provided by the Community Arts Project, Inc.; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to authorize and direct the Director of the Recreation and Parks to enter into advance-pay grant agreement with the Community Arts Project, Inc., to provide financial support toward community arts programming, facility operations, and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the expenditure of $75,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Operating Fund

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WHEREAS, this agreement will provide financial support toward community arts programming at the Garfield School, as well as support for operations and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 111.14 that relate to grant awards; **NOW, THEREFORE**

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Recreation and Parks is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an advance-pay grant agreement with the Community Arts Project, Inc., to provide financial support toward community programming, facility operations, and maintenance at the Garfield School in 2026.

SECTION 2. 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 3. That the expenditure of $75,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized from the Recreation and Parks Operating Fund 2285 per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That this contract is awarded pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 111.14 that relate to grant awards.

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.