



## Legislation Text

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National League of Cities Institute City Inclusive Entrepreneurship Grant  
Department of Economic Development / Department of Marketing and Communication  
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**Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Grant Agreement with the National League of Cities Institute (NLCI) for purposes of accepting a City Inclusive Entrepreneurship Grant of \$15,000; authorizing the deposit, appropriation and expenditure of \$15,000, to conduct an outreach program promoting diverse and equitable public procurement; and declaring an emergency.**

### SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

The National League of Cities Institute (NLCI) City Inclusive Entrepreneurship (CIE) Program is providing a grant of \$15,000 to the City of Toledo to support the city's commitment to expanding contracting opportunities with the City of Toledo for small businesses. The Departments of Economic Development, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Finance participated in a Public Procurement cohort of NLCI member cities, which was guided by the Government Performance Lab of Harvard University. The City of Toledo has been selected to receive a \$15,000 grant to implement concepts developed through participation in the cohort. Planned uses of the funds include:

- Creation of a contracting opportunities page on the entrepreneurial resources website [tolramp.biz](http://tolramp.biz).
- Production of a video detailing how to bid for City of Toledo contracts, changes to City procurement policies and procedures, and how to certify with the City as a Minority Owned or Women Owned Business Enterprise. This video will be placed on the City's website and [tolramp.biz](http://tolramp.biz), as well as shown at contractor educational events.
- Event to train members of the entrepreneurial supportive services community to aid their advisees in bidding on City contracts.
- Events to educate potential contractors about the process of bidding and opportunities available for small businesses.
- Printed materials educating potential contractors about the process of bidding and opportunities available for small businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor is authorized to enter into a Grant Agreement with the National League of Cities Institute in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 and accept and deposit grant proceeds for the purpose of conducting an outreach program promoting small business access to City of Toledo procurement opportunities.

SECTION 2. That the appropriation of \$15,000 is authorized from the unappropriated proceeds of the Operation Grants Fund to Account Code 2016-10202-5G00029STDSTD and the expenditure of same is authorized for the purpose listed in Section 1.

SECTION 3. That the Mayor is authorized to accept bids and award contracts for the purposes authorized in Section 1, upon terms and conditions acceptable to the Director of Development, the Director of Marketing and Communications and the Director of Law.

SECTION 4. That the Finance Director is authorized to draw warrant or warrants against the above Account Code in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 in payment of the above authorized obligations upon presentation of the proper voucher or vouchers.

SECTION 5. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of Council and that all deliberations of Council and any of its committees that result in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22, Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 6. That this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately from and after its passage. The reason for the emergency lies in the fact that same is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and property and for the further reason that this Ordinance must be immediately effective to facilitate the receipt and expenditure of grant proceeds.

Vote on emergency clause: yeas 12, nays 0.

Passed: May 16, 2023, as an emergency measure: yeas 12, nays 0.

Attest:

Gerald E. Dendinger  
Clerk of Council

Matt Cherry  
President of Council

Approved:

May 16, 2023  
Wade Kapszukiewicz  
Mayor