



Legislation Text

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Ohio History Connection Grant
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Revised

Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio History Connection for the purposes of developing design guidelines for the Old West End Historic District; authorizing the Mayor to accept and deposit \$25,000 into the Operation Grants Fund; authorizing the appropriation and expenditure of same; authorizing the Mayor to accept bids and award contracts; and declaring an emergency.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

This Certified Local Government (CLG) grant for \$25,000 from the Ohio History Connection, which has no match requirement, will fund a consultant to develop design guidelines for the Old West End Historic District (OWEHD). The OWEHD currently lacks a clear and consistent framework for the application of federal and state preservation guidelines in the locally specific context of the neighborhood. In the absence of style guidelines, the OWEHDC relies on a combination of precedent, case-by-case research, and discussion at public meetings to make decisions about CoA applications. This process is time-consuming and cumbersome for applicants and OWEHDC reviewers alike and can result in increased costs for property owners.

This project will address these challenges by developing and publishing a clear, consistent, and precise style guidelines document. A consultant, identified through competitive bidding and meeting all relevant federal professional qualification requirements, will develop a draft document, solicit public input, and revise the draft in coordination with the State Historic Preservation Office. The final document will be submitted to Toledo City Council for adoption and made available to the public as an educational resource.

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 Ohio History Connection and to accept and deposit the Certified Local Government Grant in the amount of \$25,000 into the Operation Grants Fund Account Code 2016-10400-5G14225STDSTD for the purposes of developing design guidelines for the Old West End Historic District.

SECTION 2. That the appropriation of \$25,000 is authorized from the unappropriated grant proceeds of the Operation Fund to Account Code 2016-10400-5G14225STDSTD and the expenditure of same is authorized for the Old West End Historic District design project.

SECTION 3. That the Mayor is authorized to accept bids and award contracts for the purpose authorized in Section 1, upon terms and conditions acceptable to the Director of Law and the Director of the Toledo-Lucas County Plan Commission.

SECTION 4. The Director of Finance is authorized to draw warrant or warrants against the above Account Code in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 in payment of the above-authorized obligations upon presentation of the proper voucher or vouchers.

SECTION 5. That this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and shall be in force and effect after its passage. The reason for the emergency lies in the fact that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health, safety, and property and for further reason that this ordinance must immediately be effective in order to allow for the timely procurement of the visioning study.

Vote on emergency clause: yeas 12, nays 0.

Passed: July 18, 2023, as an emergency measure: yeas 12, nays 0.

Attest:

Gerald E. Dendinger
Clerk of Council

Matt Cherry
President of Council

Approved:

July 18, 2023
Wade Kapszukiewicz
Mayor