

Resolution authorizing a contract with the Greater Columbus Arts Council to support the installation of public art as part of the 200th Anniversary of the City of Columbus (Community Partnerships) (\$20,000)

WHEREAS, the Greater Columbus Arts Council (GCAC) has, since 1973, supported art, advanced the culture of the region, and served as a catalyst for excellence and innovation by providing financial support to artists, arts organizations, and programs that educate and engage all audiences in the community; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of 200th Anniversary of the founding of Columbus, an exciting array of programs, exhibitions, and public art installations are planned that celebrate the momentous milestone of this exceptional city; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with other Bicentennial programs, *Finding Time: Columbus Public Art 2012* is an arts initiative planned throughout the year in which public spaces, plazas, parks, streets, and alleys in the downtown Columbus core and the riverfront will be transformed into an open-air gallery with 14 temporary public art projects by more than 50 international, national, and local artists that will create memorable experiences for downtown workers, residents, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners wish to participate in the commemoration of the Bicentennial and do so by providing financial support in the amount of \$20,000 for the installation of art by David Best on the Broad Street Bridge as one of the 14 temporary public art projects planned under *Finding Time: Columbus Public Art 2012*; and

WHEREAS, GCAC serves as fiscal sponsor for *Finding Time: Columbus Public Art 2012*, including oversight of a \$150,000 National Endowment for the Arts grant awarded to support public art installation for the Bicentennial, a portion of the also will be used for the David Best installation on the Broad Street Bridge; and

WHEREAS, such installation, in conjunction with other public art installations and commemorative events, will benefit the community by attracting visitors and tourists, strengthening the local economy, and advancing long term economic development goals and job creation; and

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WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 757.05 authorizes counties to provide support to area arts councils, organized for the purpose of fostering and encouraging the arts, including but not limited to sculpture, as defined in ORC 757.03; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County support of area arts councils, including this \$20,000, is well below the financial ceiling of one half of one cent on each one hundred dollars of the taxable property of Franklin County, stipulated in ORC Sec. 757.05, as the maximum amount of financial support counties may provide to area arts councils; and

WHEREAS, the GCAC Board of Trustees accepted, by proper resolution, all applicable provisions of section 757.03 to 757.08 of the Revised Code and will file a certified copy of the resolution with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners prior to payment; now, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO;

That the attached contract for services with the Greater Columbus Arts Council and the attached purchase order, individually described on the accompanying Purchase Order Proof List in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, are hereby approved.

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Cc: Auditor

Greater Columbus Arts Council