

Resolution authorizing a one-year contract with the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District (Green Corps) to promote environmental appreciation and ecological awareness. (Community Partnerships) (\$25,000) (CDBG) (\$10,000)

WHEREAS, the Conservatory is one of Ohio's most significant urban parks dedicated to the promotion of environmental appreciation and ecological awareness; and

WHEREAS, the Conservatory supports a world class botanical garden while providing lifelong learning opportunities that extends beyond its boundaries through various initiatives that foster community gardening, transformation of urban spaces, and, through the Green Corps program, workforce development; and

WHEREAS, begun in 2012 as collaboration between Franklin County Department of Economic Development and Planning and Franklin Park Conservatory, Green Corps is a training program for unemployed/underemployed individuals which is designed to prepare them for a career in horticulture-related fields, such as landscaping, plant propagation, and food cultivation; and

WHEREAS, Green Corps program includes in-class instruction; practical grounds work experience, field trips and internships with private companies in the field; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Park Conservatory (FPC) administers Green Corps, providing instruction, supervision and program management under contract; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners desires to continue its support of the Conservatory's mission, and programs, as authorized under Sections 755.16 and 755.18 of the Ohio Revised Code; now, therefore;

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

That the attached contract for services with the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District (Green Corps) for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 and the attached purchase order, individually described on

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the accompanying Purchase Order Proof List in an amount not to exceed \$35,000, are hereby approved.

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Cc: Auditor
Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District