



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Quality of Life
AGENDA DATE: September 22, 2021
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): 7
DEPARTMENT: Office of Arts and Culture
EXECUTIVE: Joey Zapata

SUBJECT

Authorize the **(1)** acceptance of a grant from the Roy & Christine Sturgis Charitable Trust Care of Communities Foundation of Texas in the amount of \$15,000.00 to preserve and restore the Juanita J. Craft Civil Rights House for the period June 30, 2021 through June 30, 2022; **(2)** receipt and deposit of funds in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 in the Sturgis Charitable Trust Grant Fund; **(3)** establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 in the Sturgis Charitable Trust Grant Fund; and **(4)** execution of the grant agreement with Roy & Christine Sturgis Charitable Trust and Bank of America, NA, as Co-Trustee, and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the grant agreement - Not to exceed \$15,000.00 - Financing: Sturgis Charitable Trust Grant Funds

BACKGROUND

The Office of Arts & Culture (OAC) plans to re-open the Juanita J. Craft Civil Rights House and Memorial Garden (Craft House) for use as a public historic site open to the public on a regular basis. It will be the only publicly-accessible house museum to honor Mrs. Craft, a grass-roots community organizer who had a profound influence on her community, and the country as a whole.

The Junior League of Dallas (JLD) established a partnership with OAC to restore the Juanita J. Craft Civil Rights House and Memorial Garden as their Centennial Anniversary project. This partnership has also led way to the creation of a donor fund entitled "OAC Juanita Craft House and Garden Fund of Community Foundation of Texas" which enables private donors the ability to provide funding to the City of Dallas, in accordance with the City of Dallas Cultural Plan and Policy. The JLD Centennial Committee has worked with OAC staff to write and submit grant applications in order to raise funds for the Craft House.

A one-year grant has been awarded by the Roy & Christine Sturgis Charitable Trust in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the "Restoration of the Juanita J. Craft Civil Rights House." Bank of America, NA., as Co-Trustee of the Roy & Christine Sturgis Charitable Trust, is responsible for the management of the grantmaking funds and requires the City of Dallas to sign a grant agreement ensuring the funds be utilized for the restoration of the Craft

House. The Roy & Christine Sturgis Charitable Trust will donate funds through the Juanita Craft House and Garden Fund of Community Foundation of Texas.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On June 20, 2019, the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission was briefed on the status of the Juanita J. Craft House and the Historic Structures Report.

On October 8, 2019, City Council authorized the acceptance of the FY 2018 African American Civil Rights Grant by Resolution No. 19-1586.

The Quality of Life Committee was briefed on the Juanita J. Craft Civil Rights House on November 18, 2019.

The Quality of Life Committee was briefed on the Juanita J. Craft Civil Rights House Update on September 21, 2020.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2021	FY 2022	Future Years
Sturgis Charitable Trust Grant Fund	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00