



## Legislation Text

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**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Quality of Life  
**AGENDA DATE:** September 23, 2020  
**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):** N/A  
**DEPARTMENT:** Office of Arts and Culture  
**EXECUTIVE:** Joey Zapata

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### **SUBJECT**

Authorize the **(1)** acceptance of a grant from Race Forward, through the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) Summer 2020 Innovation and Implementation Fund to transform a vacant lot in southern Dallas into a community gathering space in partnership with artists and the local neighborhood in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the period September 23, 2020 through June 15, 2021; **(2)** receipt and deposit of funds in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 in the FY20 GARE Grant Fund; **(3)** establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 in the FY20 GARE Grant Fund; and **(4)** execution of the grant agreement and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the agreement - Not to exceed \$15,000.00 - Financing: Race Forward GARE Summer Innovation and Implementation Grant Fund

### **BACKGROUND**

The City of Dallas is a core member of the GARE, a project of Race Forward. In Summer 2020, GARE announced a total of \$110,000.00 available to member jurisdictions, with a maximum award of \$20,000.00, through the Innovation and Implementation Fund, made possible by the Surdna Foundation. The purpose of this funding cycle was to support public sector partnerships with artists and cultural workers to shape racially equitable public policy and develop and implement inclusive narratives that advance racial justice.

In partnership with the Office of Equity and the Code Compliance Department, the Office of Arts and Culture (OAC) proposed a pilot project to transform a vacant lot in southern Dallas into a community sculpture garden and gathering place, in partnership with local artists and the neighborhood. This project, "Re:Imagine Vacancy," will pilot an artistic solution to the first recommendation from the Mayor's Task Force on Safe Communities: remediate blighted buildings and abandoned lots in high-violence locations.

### **PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)**

This item has no prior action.

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

Fund	FY 2020	FY 2021	Future Years
Race Forward GARE Summer Innovation and Implementation Grant Fund	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00