



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Quality of Life
AGENDA DATE: April 28, 2021
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): 7
DEPARTMENT: Office of Arts and Culture
EXECUTIVE: Joey Zapata

SUBJECT

Authorize the **(1)** acceptance of a grant from the Summerlee Foundation Care of Communities Foundation of Texas in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the restoration of the Juanita J. Craft Civil Rights House for the period April 28, 2021 through April 27, 2022; **(2)** receipt and deposit of funds in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 in the Juanita Craft Summerlee Foundation Grant Fund; **(3)** establishment of appropriations in amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 in the Juanita Craft Summerlee Foundation Grant Fund; and **(4)** execution of the grant agreement with the Summerlee Foundation and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the agreement - Not to exceed \$50,000.00 - Financing: Summerlee Foundation Care of Communities Foundation of Texas Grant Funds

BACKGROUND

The Office of Arts & Culture (OAC) plans to re-open the Juanita 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 & Museum 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" through which private donors, including foundations, can provide funding to the City of Dallas. The JLD Centennial Committee has worked with OAC staff to write and submit grant applications in order to raise funds for the Craft House.

The Summerlee Foundation grant is the second grant for the Craft House brought for City Council consideration through the JLD partnership. The first, accepted by Council on January 27, 2021 was from the Hillcrest Foundation in the amount of \$50,000.00. The Summerlee Foundation 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 Summerlee Foundation will donate funds through the OAC 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. 19-1477.

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.

On January 27, 2021, City Council authorized the acceptance of the Hillcrest Foundation and Bank of America, NA, as Co-Trustee, grant by Resolution No. 21-0236.

On February 25, 2021, City Council authorized Supplemental Agreement Number 1 for to the professional services contract with McCoy Collaborative Preservation Architecture, PLLC for the final design plans and specifications, bid documentation and construction administration for the restoration of the Junita J. Craft Civil Rights House by Resolution No. 21-0355.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2021	FY 2022	Future Years
Summerlee Foundation Care of Communities	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Foundation of Texas Grant Funds			