

1. Describe the proposed ordinance or resolution. File number: **231708** _____

This resolution would enable the City of Milwaukee to accept a grant for up to \$150,000 from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation for a Site Assessment Grant. If approved, the Grant would assist FIT Investment Group LLC by reimbursing a portion of the eligible environmental assessment and demolition costs associated with the Bronzeville Creative Arts and Technology Hub project along North Avenue between 6th and 7th Streets.

2. Identify the anticipated equity impacts, if any, of this proposal.

A community service facility is expected to be integrated into the development to serve the residents of Bronzeville Apartments as well as the larger Bronzeville community. The Community Service Facility is expected to be operated by Beyond STEM MKE Inc. Beyond STEM was founded to “ensure the next generation of technology creators reflects its consumers.” They provide STEM and Arts programming for students across Milwaukee, empowering students from underrepresented backgrounds to pursue careers in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics). Across their after-school, summer, and Saturday series offerings, ~60% of students receive partial or full program fee vouchers. The space is expected to serve as Beyond STEM’s center of teaching/training and be used for curriculum development and small +

3. Identify which minority groups, if any, may be negatively or positively impacted by the proposal.

The Bronzeville neighborhood has historically been a cultural hub for Black or African American Milwaukeeans, and still is to this day. The enhancement of the space in question is expected to provide housing, employment, and recreation opportunities for residents of the Bronzeville neighborhood and throughout Milwaukee.

4. Describe any engagement efforts with minority communities potentially impacted by the proposal.

The developer recently distributed a community survey to residents and business owners to assess their interest in the project and their needs for creative spaces and arts programming. Though representative of a small sample size, the data reflect strong interest in expanded arts programming, particularly music lessons, STEAM activities, graphic design, and visual arts.

5. Describe how any anticipated equity impacts of the proposal will be documented or evaluated.

The developer is committed to providing the City with all data required by the grant program.

6. Describe strategies that will be used, if any, to mitigate any anticipated equity impacts.

DCD is open to feedback from the Bronzeville Advisory Committee, elected officials, and area residents with regards to the development that is expected to be partially funded through this grant opportunity.

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