



Legislation Text

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Substitute resolution relating to the use of Large Impact Development funds to fund activities recommended by the African American Male Unemployment Task Force.

This resolution approves the award of \$425,000 of Large Impact Development funds to Growing Power, Inc., as recommended by the African American Male Unemployment Task Force, for job training and creation activities. Growing Power Inc., will create and provide training for a total of 150 permanent jobs over a 3-year period, beginning in 2011, in the field of urban agriculture. In addition, a total of 150 hoop-houses will be constructed on vacant lots for use in growing produce in urban gardens.

Whereas, On November 3, 2010, the Common Council adopted Resolution File Number 100709 approving the award of CDBG funds for the Large Impact Development by the African American Male Unemployment Task Force Initiative in the amount of \$425,000; and

Whereas, The African American Male Unemployment Task Force has conducted several meetings and on February 15, 2011, the task force met and unanimously approved the award to Growing Power, Inc., in the amount of \$425,000; and

Whereas, The Growing Capacity for the Green Economy Power is a job-preparation project designed to provide skills, training and hands-on work experience in the fields of intensive sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, environmental education, and community food systems development; and

Whereas, Growing Power, Inc., is a pre-eminent leader in the area of urban agriculture with its founder, Will Allen, having received the McArthur Foundation "Genius Grant" in 2008; and

Whereas, Growing Power, Inc. will create 150 hoop-houses on vacant City land and create approximately 50 permanent jobs annually for 3 years, for a total of 150 jobs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, the Common Council approves the award of \$425,000 to Growing Power, Inc. for job training and creation activities as recommended by the African American Male Unemployment Task Force; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Community Development Grants Administration shall be responsible for awarding a subrecipient contract for the approved activity; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the subrecipient organization shall submit a budget and activity report in amounts and according to any conditions approved by the Common Council and in accordance with File Number 74-92-5v, to the Community Development Grants Administration and the City

Comptroller for review and approval; and, be it

Further Resolved, That payments for CDBG costs incurred shall be paid in accordance with approved CDBG reimbursement policy based on the approval by the Community Development Grants Administration and the City Comptroller; and, be it

Further Resolved, That except as modified by this resolution, the guidelines for handling the Community Development Block Grant Program set forth in Common Council File Number 74-92-5v are fully applicable to the Community Development Entitlement Funding Program; and, be it

Further Resolved, That Growing Power shall submit a report to the Community and Economic Development Committee on the activities of the prior year of the project by January 31st of each year of the project beginning in January of 2012.

.Requestor

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