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Resolution authorizing the expenditure of up to \$15,000 from the MKE Community Excellence Fund Special Purpose Account for various events and initiatives in 2022.

This resolution authorizes the City Clerk to expend up to \$15,000 from the MKE Community Excellence Fund Special Purpose Account for various events and initiatives in 2022.

Whereas, The City allocated \$50,000 in funding in 2020 for the MKE Community Excellence Fund Special Purpose Account ("SPA"); and

Whereas, On March 3, 2020, the Common Council adopted Resolution File Number 191713, which authorized the expenditure of up to \$50,000 from the SPA for various events and initiatives in 2020; and

Whereas, Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, several events were cancelled, and the full amount of the SPA was not expended; and

Whereas, The remaining balance of the account, in the amount of \$14,728.59 was carried over for the purpose of funding events in 2022; and

Whereas, The purpose of this SPA is to provide resources to support community events that promote peace and violence prevention with the intention that allocations from the SPA will be matched by contributions from local organizations; and

Whereas, BIG Serve MKE is a weeklong series of community service events intended to be a keystone of the City's efforts to create an environment where residents can succeed and achieve their life goals; and

Whereas, The focus of BIG Serve MKE is service to the community, with activities, including the BIG Clean MKE neighborhood clean-up events, designed to foster quality-of-life improvements, neighborhood pride and community engagement; and

Whereas, Bronzeville Week highlights the Bronzeville Cultural and Entertainment District, a City of Milwaukee redevelopment initiative inspired by Milwaukee's original Bronzeville District of the early- to mid-1900's; and

Whereas, The 21st-Century Bronzeville initiative strives to revitalize an area of Milwaukee where African-American culture has been a mainstay and offers unique opportunities for residents and tourists to enjoy the best Milwaukee has to offer in entertainment, arts, and culture; and

Whereas, Harvest Fest is a community event held annually at Harold S. Vincent High School for residents of Milwaukee to come together as a community, support the students who are participating in the High School's agriculture program, and celebrate the autumn season and its bounty; and

Whereas, Harvest Fest highlights the Milwaukee Public Schools' robust agriculture, culinary, botany, and aquaponics programs, features games, food, hay rides, pumpkins, and a petting zoo, and provides an opportunity for students to sell organic products made from ingredients harvested from the school's farm; and

Whereas, Juneteenth Day, June 19th, is the oldest recognized celebration observing the freedom of African-Americans from the bonds of slavery in the United States and is a historic milestone in the fight for civil rights; and

Whereas, Juneteenth Day is recognized and designated as an official City event held annually; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the City Clerk is directed to expend up to \$15,000 from the MKE Community Excellence Fund Special Purpose Account (0001 1310 S246 006300) in the following amounts for payment or reimbursement of expenses related to 2022 events:

BIG Serve MKE	Up to \$5,000
Bronzeville Week	Up to \$5,000
Harvest Fest	Up to \$3,728
Juneteenth Day	Up to \$1,000

; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the amount paid or reimbursed from the MKE Community Excellence Fund for each event shall be matched by contributions from local organizations for that event.

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Tea B. Norfolk
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