

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ORDINANCE NO. 251064

Accepting and approving a \$40,000.00 grant from the Health Forward Foundation to support the City's Connecting Kansas City Program supporting equitable digital connectivity for all residents, authorizing a contract within the scope of such grant, estimating and appropriating \$40,000.00 in the General Grants Fund, designating requisitioning authority and recognizing this ordinance as having an accelerated effective date.

WHEREAS, lack of internet access affects Kansas Citians from every walk of life and creates barriers to those who could benefit the most; and

WHEREAS, households lacking internet access often overlap significantly with those living at or below the poverty line, particularly concentrated in the city's most vulnerable census tracts; and

WHEREAS, connecting such underserved households to internet services is the critical first step toward dismantling the barriers that hinder true digital equity and opportunity for City residents; and

WHEREAS, the City's Connecting Kansas City Program seeks to provide direct, ground-level connectivity services, such as device distribution and internet access, alongside educational engagement opportunities to support residents in fully engaging in the digital economy; and

WHEREAS, the Health Forward Foundation has awarded the City a \$40,000.00 grant to support the City's Connecting Kansas City Program; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the Director of Neighborhood Services Department is authorized to accept a \$40,000.00 grant from the Health Forward Foundation to support the City's Connecting Kansas City program and equitable digital connectivity for all residents.

Section 2. That the Director of Neighborhood Services Department is authorized to execute a grant agreement with the Health Forward Foundation to govern the administration of the grant. A copy of the grant agreement is on file with the Director of the Neighborhood Services Department.

Section 3. That revenue in the amount of \$40,000.00 is hereby estimated in the following account of the General Grants Fund:

26-2580-570001-479977-G57HFF25      Connecting Kansas City Program      \$40,000.00

Section 4. That the sum of \$40,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the Unappropriated Fund Balance of the General Grants Fund to the Following Account:

26-2580-575800-B-G57HFF25      Connecting Kansas City Program      \$40,000.00

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Section 5. That the Director of Neighborhood Services Department is hereby designated requisitioning authority for Account No. 26-2580-575800-B.

Section 6. That this ordinance is recognized as an ordinance with an accelerated effective date as provided by Section 503(a)(3)(C) of the City Charter in that it appropriates money and shall take effect in accordance with that section.

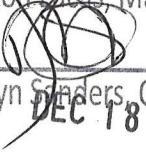
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I hereby certify that there is a balance, otherwise unencumbered, to the credit of the appropriation to which the foregoing expenditure is to be charged, and a cash balance, otherwise unencumbered, in the treasury, to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made, each sufficient to meet the obligation hereby incurred



Authenticated as Passed

  
Quinton Lucas, Mayor

  
Marilyn Sanders, City Clerk  
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Date Passed

  
William Choi  
Interim Director of Finance

Approved as to form:

  
Bret Kassen  
Associate City Attorney