

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement with The Storytellers, Inc., of Kansas City, MO, to provide weekly sessions to drug court participants for use by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$22,000.00.

RESOLUTION #17431, December 6, 2010

INTRODUCED BY Dan Tarwater, County Legislator

WHEREAS, The Storytellers, Inc., is a unique program for current and new drug court participants in the Mental Toughness Project, which uses creative problem-solving methods for dealing with the participants' individual life problems; and,

WHEREAS, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office desires to enter into an agreement with The Storytellers, Inc., to provide weekly sessions to participants in the Mental Toughness Project for a period of December 1, 2010, through December 31, 2011, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$22,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, this agreement is in the best interest of the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of Jackson County; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to execute a contract with The Storytellers, Inc., of Kansas City (Jackson County), MO, in a form to be approved by the County Counselor;

and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Finance and Purchasing be and hereby is authorized to make all payments, including final payment on the agreement.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jim D. Hallen
Chief Deputy County Counselor

Jim Spino
Acting County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution #17431 of December 6, 2010, was duly passed on December 13, 2010 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 6

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 3

12.13.10
Date

Mary Jo Spino
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature

There is a balance otherwise unencumbered to the credit of the appropriation to which the expenditure is chargeable and there is a cash balance otherwise unencumbered in the treasury to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made, each sufficient to provide for the obligation herein authorized.

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 008 4154 56080
ACCOUNT TITLE: Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund
Deferred Prosecution
Other Professional Services

NOT TO EXCEED: \$22,000.00

November 30, 2010
Date

W. Scott Thom
Director of Finance and Purchasing

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Completed by County Counselor's Office:

Res/~~Ord~~ No.: 17431

Sponsor(s): Dan Tarwater

Date: December 6, 2010

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<p>SUBJECT</p>	<p>Action Requested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance</p> <p>Project/Title: <u>Requesting an Agreement with The Storytellers, Inc. in the amount of \$22,000.00.</u></p>										
<p>BUDGET INFORMATION <i>To be completed By Requesting Department and Finance</i></p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Amount authorized by this legislation this fiscal year:</td> <td>\$22,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amount previously authorized this fiscal year:</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total amount authorized after this legislative action:</td> <td>\$22,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amount budgeted for this item * (including transfers):</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Source of funding (name of fund) and account code number; Prosecuting Attorney – Anti Drug Sales Tax Fund, 008-4154, Other Professional Services -56080</td> <td>\$22,000</td> </tr> </table> <p>* If account includes additional funds for other expenses, total budgeted in the account is: \$</p> <p>OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No budget impact (no fiscal note required) <input type="checkbox"/> Term and Supply Contract (funds approved in the annual budget); estimated value and use of contract: Department: Estimated Use: \$</p> <p>Prior Year Budget (if applicable): Prior Year Actual Amount Spent (if applicable):</p>	Amount authorized by this legislation this fiscal year:	\$22,000	Amount previously authorized this fiscal year:	\$	Total amount authorized after this legislative action:	\$22,000	Amount budgeted for this item * (including transfers):	\$	Source of funding (name of fund) and account code number; Prosecuting Attorney – Anti Drug Sales Tax Fund, 008-4154, Other Professional Services -56080	\$22,000
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<p>PRIOR LEGISLATION</p>	<p>Prior ordinances and (date):</p> <p>Prior resolutions and (date): na</p>										
<p>CONTACT INFORMATION</p>	<p>RLA drafted by (name, title, & phone): Kevin Harrell, 11/19/10</p>										
<p>REQUEST SUMMARY</p>	<p>Requesting a Resolution authorizing the County Executive to enter into an Agreement with The Storytellers, Inc. in the amount of \$22,000.00. Contact person is Michael Toombs, 607 West 17th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64108.</p> <p>Storytellers, Inc. will provide weekly sessions to current and new drug court participants in the Mental Toughness Project. Sessions will focus on creative problem solving methods dealing with participants individual life problems, team work, social and communication skills.</p> <p>Term of the agreement is 12/1/10 through 12/31/11. Payment of \$3,500 due upon execution of the agreement. Remaining balance will be paid monthly upon invoice.</p>										

CLEARANCE	<input type="checkbox"/> Tax Clearance Completed (Purchasing & Department) <input type="checkbox"/> Business License Verified (Purchasing & Department) <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 6 Compliance - Affirmative Action/Prevailing Wage (County Auditor's Office)	
ATTACHMENTS		
REVIEW	Department Director: <i>Jennifer G. Kruger</i>	Date: <i>11-22-2011</i>
	Finance (Budget Approval): <i>If applicable</i> <i>Mary Radmiller</i>	Date: <i>11/24/10</i>
	Division Manager: <i>SG</i>	Date: <i>11/29/10</i>
	County Counselor's Office:	Date:

Fiscal Information (to be verified by Budget Office in Finance Department)

- This expenditure was included in the annual budget.
- Funds for this were encumbered from the _____ Fund in _____.
- There is a balance otherwise unencumbered to the credit of the appropriation to which the expenditure is chargeable and there is a cash balance otherwise unencumbered in the treasury to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made each sufficient to provide for the obligation herein authorized.

FUND:	Anti-Drug Sales Tax	008
DEPT:	Deferred Prosecution	4154
OBJECT:	Other Professional Services	56080
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED:		\$22,000.00

- Funds sufficient for this expenditure will be/were appropriated by Ordinance # _____
- Funds sufficient for this appropriation are available from the source indicated below.

FUND:		
DEPT:		
OBJECT:		
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED:		

- This award is made on a need basis and does not obligate Jackson County to pay any specific amount. The availability of funds for specific purchases will, of necessity, be determined as each using agency places its order.
- This legislative action does not impact the County financially and does not require Finance/Budget approval.
- Funds sufficient for this expenditure are subject to appropriation in the 2011 annual budget.



The Storytellers Inc.

607 West 17th, Kansas City, MO 64108

VM (816) 678-8694

michaeltoombs@kc.rr.com

November 15, 2010

Jackson County Prosecutor's Office
415 E. 12th Street, 11th floor
KCMO 64106

Scope of service:

To provide weekly sessions to current participants and new participants in the Mental Toughness project from December 2010 through December 2011 for no less than 40 sessions and no more than 45 sessions. This is a unique opportunity to provide transition programming while using creative problem solving methods dealing with the participants' individual life problems. Real time skill development with alternative methods in decision making and creating positive solutions will be the focus.

Sessions will occur once a week as well as branching out to area establishments, providing a wider scope of vision for participants and potential networking.

Another group will start the 18 session Mental Toughness Project that will provide new participants with an alternative to criminal charges and incarceration. Replicating the successful 2010 interactive based program, the new participants will begin to develop social skills, team work, a broader personal vision and communication skills.

Total Program Cost: \$22,000.00. The average cost is \$349.21 per session.
This includes: Materials, incentives, and facilitation fess.

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Michael Vance Toombs is an accomplished painter, art activist, and founder and CEO of Storytellers Inc., Artist Collective. Mr. Toombs is a community leader and champion for young people and working artists in the Greater Kansas City area. Michael began as a young student with Matthew Monks at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. He furthered his study through classes at the Kansas City Art Institute and completed a business entrepreneurial course of study through Donnelly College, Kansas City, Kansas. Michael left the corporate world as customer service manager for GEHA Insurance for 8 years where he help setup their customer service dept. which handled 3500 calls a day with 75 customer service reps. I left to develop my own business in the belief that "Art is a Change Agent for society's difficulties." Michael's art form is "interactive community based art". As Executive Director of Storytellers Inc, Michael has developed contracts with many high profile organizations including University of Missouri, Wichita State University, Environmental Protection Agency, Accessible Arts, Bartle Convention Center, Olorun Foundation in Burkina Faso, West Africa, Kansas City Kansas Public Schools, Kansas City Kansas Housing Authority, Jackson County Family Courts and C.O.M.B.A.T – Jackson County Prosecutors Office.

- Interactive Art Education projects for Youth

- Storytellers Inc. in partnership with another youth serving organization developed a model of education for the *Department of Education* (AEMDD grant), making academics more accessible and understandable through the arts.
- Storytellers Inc won the privilege of creating six installations at KCI Airport entitled *Thirty Years of KCI Airport and Celebrating the Legacy*, through Kansas City Municipal Arts Commission's One Percent for Art program. Storytellers, Inc. was also given the challenge of creating a temporary installation, the Barrier Project, consisting of 90 panels, designed by Michael Toombs, implemented by the artist collective with the young people of KCKS and KCMO.
- The Storytellers Inc., Artist Collective has served over 14,000 young people in arts programming by contract and voluntarily in the last 7 years. Michael Toombs has provided arts education workshops in diverse settings including KIDZONE/Finish the Race Extended, Day, TREC Alternative School, Kansas City Kansas Public Schools, Kansas City Missouri School District, Gifted Students, Teachers in Relationships, Jackson County Juvenile Correction facilities, FEC work project, Jackson County and KCK Housing Authority, JTPA – Jobs Program of Kansas City Kansas, and Summer Science Academy 9th –12th grades for the University of Kansas Medical Center.
- Michael Toombs developed the following murals with KC Metro young people and families: *In-lightened* at the Bartle Hall Convention Center, 8th Street YMCA, Donnelly College, Missouri City Flood Recovery, and the Tanner Banner at Nelson Atkins Museum.
- Michael directed 400 children from Quindaro Elementary, Kansas City, Kansas on a film, "*What My Eyes See*", a community awareness film. The film was broadcast on channel 62 locally.
- *The Miracle On 39th Street, A Prospect for Change*: Michael Toombs and the Storytellers Inc., Artist Collective engaged adjudicated youth, the community of 39th and Prospect, City Government, C.O.M.B.A.T., Pan Educational Institute and Health Careers Pathways Program of the University of Kansas Medical Center. Using visual and performing art, the collective engaged over 300 area residents in creating a living stage with scenic murals depicting the young people at work, turning a 1965 Buick Wildcat into a mosaic-like mural. Young people were offered workshops in sidewalk

poetry, spoken word performances from local professional poets. A project pictorial features the project in the *KC STAR Magazine*.

- Professional Development for Teachers and Artists:

- *The Art of Learning*, Mr. Toombs serves as a facilitator in an initiative funded by the Kansas Arts Commission and National Endowment for the Arts. **The Arts Learning Collective** developed and implemented a *Hands-On Professional Development* component. This component involves an exchange of information and research on arts learning that mutually benefits classroom teachers, artists, school arts specialists, students, and community youth program providers. The collaborative participants are Storytellers Inc., Artist Collective, Accessible Arts, Inc., Kansas Alliance for Arts Education, and the Kansas State Department of Education. 2002, 2003
- Mr. Toombs developed curriculum and instructed *Arts Education* and *Arts Entrepreneurship* for Educators (K-20) at Wichita State University. Training was broadcast live via video uplink to 6 collaborating colleges in the state of Kansas.
- The Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts in Omaha, Nebraska invited Mr. Toombs to direct the Surfacing Conference involving artists in the community-based project *Murals and Community Based Art*.
- Jackson County Family Court staff training, "*Professional Development and Creative Minds*". 2000, 2001, 2002.

- Other Relevant Experience

- Panelist for conference; University of Missouri, Kansas City, *Urban Literacy Conference*, May 2002
- Michael Toombs is working with the Department of **Family Medicine and Preventive Medicine and Public Health, University of Kansas Medical** providing art designs for health initiatives, KAN QUIT and Colon Cancer in the African American Community.
- Mr. Toombs has recently taken on the task of developing the logo, theme, etc. for NAME, the National Association for Multicultural Educators, 2004.

- Awards and Recognitions

- Mr. Toombs was featured in the following Magazines: **Kansas City Business**, "*The Art of It All*" September 2001, **ART** "*The Business of Art*" Fall/Winter 2001
- Accessible Arts and the Kansas State Board of Education's Distinguished Service Award for Arts in Disabilities 2003
- **ART Magazine**, April 2003, featured Michael Toombs as guest columnist.
- The City of Kansas City, Missouri awarded Michael Toombs and The Storytellers Inc., Artist Collective a Proclamation for the Miracle on 39th Street, a Prospect for Change, August 2002
- KC Mentoring Initiative, Positive Youth Development Award, May 2002 & 2003
- Bridging the Gap, Excellence Award for Environmental Art Programming, May, 2002
- Environmental Protection Agency, Program Excellence Award for Children's Programs, May 2002
- Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools Award for Excellence, Arts in Schools, 2001
- Kansas City, Kansas Housing Authority Award for Excellence, 2000, 2001
- The Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, Breakthrough Award, 1998
- Bernie Hoffman, Award for Outstanding Community Service, 1998
- Colgate Palmolive Company, Outstanding Community Service Award, 1997