

Request for Legislative Action

Res. #20845

Sponsor: Tony Miller

Date: December 13, 2021

Completed by County Counselor's Office

Action Requested:	Resolution	Res.Ord No.:	20845
Sponsor(s):	Tony Miller	Legislature Meeting Date:	12/13/2021

Introduction

Action Items: ['Authorize', 'Appropriate', 'Transfer']

Project/Title:

Reducing appropriations in the Park Enterprise Fund (No. 300) and authorizing the County Executive to enter into a \$10,000 agreement with the Black Archives of Mid-America for the purpose of developing a documentary on the desegregation of golf courses and the effect that discrimination in the game had on African-Americans. The documentary will focus on the legacy of discrimination and segregation in Jackson County, Missouri.

Request Summary

This resolution transfers \$10,000 within the Park Enterprise Fund Fred Arbanas Golf Course account for the purpose of authorizing the County Executive to enter a contract with the Black Archives of Mid-America for the purpose of developing a documentary on the desegregation of golf courses and the effect that discrimination in the game had on African-Americans. Sufficient funds remain unspent in the Fred Arbanas golf course account to accomodate this request.

Contact Information

Department:	County Executive Office	Submitted Date:	12/6/2021
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Budget Information

Amount authorized by this legislation this fiscal year:			\$10,000
Amount previously authorized this fiscal year:			\$ 0
Total amount authorized after this legislative action:			\$10,000
Is it transferring fund?			Yes
Transferring Fund From:			
Fund:	Department:	Line Item Account:	Amount:
300 (Park Enterprise Fund)	1666 (Fred Arbanas Golf Course)	56790 (Other Contractual Services)	\$10,000

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Transferring Fund To:			
Fund:	Department:	Line Item Account:	Amount:
300 (Park Enterprise Fund)	1001 (County Executive's Office)	56080 (Other Professional Services)	\$10,000

Prior Legislation	
Prior Ordinances	
Ordinance:	Ordinance date:
Prior Resolution	
Resolution:	Resolution date:

Purchasing	
Does this RLA include the purchase or lease of supplies, materials, equipment or services?	No
Chapter 10 Justification:	
Core 4 Tax Clearance Completed:	
Certificate of Foreign Corporation Received:	
Have all required attachments been included in this RLA?	

Compliance	
Certificate of Compliance	
Not Applicable	
Minority, Women and Veteran Owned Business Program	
Goals Not Applicable for following reason: Less than \$50000	
MBE:	.00%
WBE:	.00%
VBE:	.00%
Prevailing Wage	
Not Applicable	

Fiscal Information	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds sufficient for this appropriation and/or transfer are available from the source indicated on the budget information tab. 	

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History

Troy Schulte at 12/6/2021 4:30:54 PM - [Submitted | Will need a fiscal note developed. Would like to introduce and approve on the 13th of Decmber legislative meeting]

Department Director: Sylvya Stevenson at 12/6/2021 4:58:56 PM - [Approved | Needs Fiscal Note]

Finance (Purchasing): Barbara J. Casamento at 12/7/2021 8:25:21 AM - [Not applicable |]

Compliance: Jaime Guillen at 12/7/2021 9:45:42 AM - [Returned for more information | Black Archives of Mid-America will need to go to <https://jacomocompliance.com/login.php> to apply.342]

Submitter: Troy Schulte at 12/7/2021 4:45:22 PM - [Submitted | Black Archives has been notified of their need to be in compliance]

Department Director: Sylvya Stevenson at 12/8/2021 12:52:40 PM - [Approved |]

Finance (Purchasing): Barbara J. Casamento at 12/8/2021 1:04:38 PM - [Not applicable |]

Compliance: Jaime Guillen at 12/8/2021 3:20:41 PM - [Approved | Black Archives is submitting paperwork to Business Assessment.]

Finance (Budget): Mark Lang at 12/9/2021 9:59:24 AM - [Approved | The fiscal note is attached.]

Executive: Troy Schulte at 12/9/2021 10:14:55 AM - [Approved |]

Legal: Elizabeth Freeland at 12/9/2021 12:22:08 PM - [Approved |]

Fiscal Note:

Funds sufficient for this transfer are available from the sources indicated below.

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Date: December 9, 2021

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eRLA ID #: 342

Org Code/Description	Object Code/Description	From	To
300 Park Enterprise Fund			
1666 Fred Arbanas Golf Course	56790 Other Contractual Services	\$ 10,000	\$ -
1001 County Executive's Office	56080 Other Professional Services	-	10,000
		\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000

Fiscal Note:

This expenditure was included in the Annual Budget

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Org Code/Description	Object Code/Description	Not to Exceed
300 Park Enterprise Fund		
1001 County Executive's Office	56080 Other Professional Services	\$ 10,000
		\$ 10,000

APPROVED

By Mark Lang at 9:51 am, Dec 09, 2021

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November 4, 2021

Mr. Frank White, Jr.
County Executive
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Dear Mr. White and the Jackson County Legislators:

The Black Archives of Mid-America in Kansas City is requesting sponsorship of \$10,000.00 for our documentary on the Desegregation of Golf Courses. The Black Archives is grateful for your generous support for this project. Your support allows us to make a quality film that discusses the eradication of systemic racism on the public golf courses of our city and county.

The Black Archives of Mid-America engages people from throughout the Greater Kansas City area, the County and, indeed, throughout the country and around the world. Your support will help us remain at the forefront in collecting, exhibiting, and educating our community.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or for further information. You can certainly contact me, Dr. Carmaletta Williams, CEO of the Black Archives and James Watts, Ombudsman.

Sincerely,

Carmaletta M. Williams, Ph. D.
CEO

The Black Archives of Mid-America in Kansas City is working to create a documentary on the desegregation of golf courses and the effect that discrimination in the game had on Black folk. This is a project that we sincerely want to develop because this separation caused a deep chasm for Black sportsmen and businessmen, in particular, to cross.

The film will be centered in Jackson County, MO but will address discrimination in golf across the country. As our society has come to acknowledge, many business and other decisions are made on the golf course. Blacks were excluded from participating in this decision-making process as they were relegated to segregated courses or different tee times. This form of systemic racism extended into the mid-Twentieth century and beyond. For example, in 1950 in St. Louis, a judge ruled that Black golfers could play until noon, at which time a bell was rung signaling that they must leave. Well before the Modern Civil Rights Movement heralded by the lynching of Emmett Till in 1955, the Montgomery Bus Boycott and lunch-counter sit-ins, the Heart of America Golf Club in 1939 sued and won the right to play public courses. Now, this decision did not mean that the local courses happily opened their gates for Black golfers.

This documentary will lay out the history of golf's reception for the Black community in honest, and fair ways. In addition to its discriminatory past, we will focus on the present and future for People of Color to engage in the sport. By no means do we think that our work will negate the importance of golf courses as the places where business and civic leaders come to agreements that affect us all. We intend for this documentary to be forward looking. We want our community to understand that they can pull this societal sector outside of the world of systemic racism to be inclusionary.

Golf is self-exclusionary in one sense because it is costly. Many urban people, especially young ones, just cannot afford the costs for lessons, green fees and equipment. In this documentary we will showcase how golf can be more inclusive by spotlighting local groups that assist young people learning the sport with coaching and monetary issues. Golf is character building, a disciplined sport. In the words of legendary golfer Tiger Woods, "No matter how good you get, you can always get better—and that's the exciting part." We also want to make the point that golf is not a "White" sport. Long before Tiger Woods Black people played golf. We want to enhance the legacy of legendary golfers like Charlie Luther Sifford (1922-2015), who lays out the condition of golf for Black people when he says, "I don't smile much, and I never laugh. If you'd been through what I've been through you wouldn't be smiling, either." We will explicate what he had been through.

Only in speaking the truth about systemic racism and racial injustices can we heal as a community and as a nation. We want to confront it, address it, and provide a means for healing the rifts in our communities.

I assure you that your largess and that of Jackson County will be acknowledged in all areas of the work. We appreciate your support with this project.