

ST. PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL
Consent Agenda

Meeting of September 15, 2022

TO: The Honorable Chair Gina Driscoll, and Members of City Council

SUBJECT: Approval of a transfer in the amount of \$150,000 from the balance of the General Fund Contingency (0001) to the Library Department, Administration Division (200-1131) to cover costs associated with the Digital Inclusion St. Pete Program.

EXPLANATION: The St. Petersburg Innovation District along with the Deuces Live District, convened a group of government, industry, nonprofit, and other organizations to find solutions to the digital inclusion gaps and named the group "Digital Inclusion St. Pete". The scope of digital inclusion includes access to the internet, ownership of computers, and technical training/support. The group began discussions in December 2019 and the first formal meeting occurred on February 14, 2020. The group's mission is to eliminate the digital inclusion gap in St. Petersburg and Pinellas County. Their goals are to:

1. Engage directly in the neighborhoods and business districts to fill gaps in internet services and computer access.
2. Amplify the efforts for partners working to provide technology-related training and technical support.
3. Address systematic changes in policy and pilot technology to inform long-term solutions.

The group is embarking on the next phase of work which is to create a formal structure that can sustain the current activities and expand the impact by envisioning (and potentially managing) projects that leverage federal and state funding as well as foundations, corporate and individual donors. The group has requested funding in the amount of \$150,000 from the city to support this phase of their work. They have already obtained a matching commitment of \$150,000 from the Foundation for a Healthy St. Pete and administrative assistance from the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay.

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends approval of the attached resolution.

COST/FUNDING ASSESSMENT INFORMATION: Funding will be available after a transfer in the amount of \$150,000 from the balance of the General Fund Contingency (0001) to the Library Department, Administration Division (200-1131). Following this transfer the remaining balance of the General Fund Contingency will be \$763,378.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution

APPROVALS: Administration:

Budget: EMakofske

Mary Edlissay for Mike S. Nelson

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 FROM THE BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY (0001) TO THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT, ADMINISTRATION DIVISION (200-1131) TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DIGITAL INCLUSION ST. PETE PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the St. Petersburg Innovation District along with the Deuces Live District, convened a group of government, industry, nonprofit, and other organizations to find solutions to the digital inclusion gaps and named the group “Digital Inclusion St. Pete”; and

WHEREAS, the scope of digital inclusion includes access to the internet, ownership of computers, and technical training/support; and

WHEREAS, the group began discussions in December 2019 and the first formal meeting occurred on February 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the group’s mission is to eliminate the digital inclusion gap in St. Petersburg and Pinellas County by (i) engaging neighborhoods and business districts to fill gaps in internet services and computer access, (ii) amplifying the efforts for partners to provide technology-related training and technical support, and (iii) addressing systematic changes in policy and pilot technology to inform long-term solutions; and

WHEREAS, the group is embarking on the next phase of work which is to create a formal structure that can sustain the current activities and expand the impact by envisioning (and potentially managing) projects that leverage federal and state funding as well as foundations, corporate and individual donors; and

WHEREAS, the group has requested funding in the amount of \$150,000 from the City to support this phase of their work; and

WHEREAS, the group has already obtained a matching commitment of \$150,000 from the Foundation for a Healthy St. Pete and administrative assistance from the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay; and

WHEREAS funding in the amount of \$150,000 will be available after a transfer from the balance of the General Fund Contingency (0001) to the Library Department, Administration Division (200-1131); and

WHEREAS, following this transfer, the balance of the General Fund Contingency will be \$763,378.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida that there is hereby approved from the balance of the General Fund Contingency (0001), the following transfer for FY 2022:

General Fund Contingency (0001)

Library Department, Administration Division (200-1131) \$150,000

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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DEPARTMENT:



BUDGET:


