



Legislation Text

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Knight Foundation Grant: Charlotte Future 2040

Action:

- A. Authorize the City Manager to accept a grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation for the Charlotte Future 2040 Equitable Engagement Project, and**
- B. Adopt a budget ordinance appropriating \$250,000 from the Knight Foundation for the Charlotte Future 2040 Equitable Engagement Project.**

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Explanation

- In December 2018, The Knight Foundation awarded the City of Charlotte \$250,000 through its Community Grants Program to help fund equitable community engagement work for the Charlotte Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan.
- The Knight Foundation Communities Program focuses on building an equitable and inclusive city that attracts and retains diverse talent, promotes economic opportunity, and fosters a culture of civic engagement.
- The grant is intended to engage the residents in the Historic West End and West Charlotte communities contributing to Charlotte Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan Process through:
 - Promoting opportunity through targeted engagement and multimedia outreach to make it easy for West End residents to participate,
 - Engaging and supporting community influencers to identify, co-create, and implement meaningful projects during the process that build partnerships and foster equitable development in the West End, and
 - Aligning with the City's Aging in Place and Placemaking programs to demonstrate the value of participation, planning, partnerships, and balanced growth.
- The project benefits the Historic West End and communities of West Charlotte directly but indirectly supports Charlotte through effective outreach and removing barriers to participation for the broader community.
- This supplements the City's approved funding for the consulting team over three fiscal years for Charlotte Future 2040 work with more thorough outreach and engagement capabilities.

Fiscal Note:

General Grants and LTD Project Fund

Attachment(s)

Budget Ordinance