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City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2021

DESIGNATING Cincinnati Institute of Fine Arts, doing business as ArtsWave, an Ohio non-profit corporation established in 1927, as the Local Arts Agency of the City of Cincinnati for purposes of applying for grants from the National Endowment for the Arts.

WHEREAS, in 1927, the Cincinnati Institute of Fine Arts was established by Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Taft and Anna Sinton Taft with a \$1,000,000 endowment matched by \$2,500,000 in contributions from the Cincinnati community to support Cincinnati arts and cultural institutions; and

WHEREAS, in 1949, the Fine Arts Funds was established by the Cincinnati Institute of Fine Arts as the first-in-the-nation annual community-wide campaign to provide financial support to the Cincinnati Symphony, the Cincinnati Art Museum, the Taft Museum of Art, and the Cincinnati Opera; and

WHEREAS, in 1973 the Cincinnati Institute of Fine Arts launched the first workplace giving campaign for the arts and in 1978 expanded its support to four additional organizations: the Cincinnati Ballet, and Cincinnati Contemporary Arts Center, the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, and the May Festival; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, the Cincinnati Institute of Fine Arts established the Arts Services Office to support emerging and established arts organizations by connecting them to workshops, training, volunteers and other resources; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Cincinnati Institute of Fine Arts re-brandeed and became ArtsWave, a transformed organization with an expanded mission and new focus on creating community through the arts, and engaged a team of professional staff and volunteers to develop a new model for grantmaking based on measurable community impact; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, ArtsWave made its first round of impact-based grants to 35 organizations with the help of 50+ volunteer panelists; and

WHEREAS, in light of this history, ArtsWave is the City of Cincinnati's leading funding and support organization for local art and artists; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Cincinnati Institute of Fine Arts, doing business as ArtsWave and an Ohio non-profit corporation, is declared to be the Local Arts Agency of the City of Cincinnati for purposes of applying for grants from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to designate Cincinnati Institute of Fine Arts, doing business as ArtsWave, as the Local Arts Agency of the City of Cincinnati so it can apply for funds from the National Endowment for the Arts June 2021 funding round as the City's Local Arts Agency.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk