

**METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MARION COUNTY, INDIANA
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-P-016**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Development Commission of Marion County, Indiana (the “Commission”) is authorized to approve the employment of all persons engaged by contract to render professional or consulting services for the Department of Metropolitan Development (“DMD”); and

WHEREAS, DMD wishes to enter into an agreement for the creation of the Indiana Avenue Certified Strategic Plan, and has identified Elizabeth Kennedy by and through EKLA Studio LLC as a contractor with the requisite skills to perform such services; and

WHEREAS, the Commission serves as the Redevelopment Commission of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana (the “City”) under I.C. 36-7-15.1 (the “Redevelopment Act”); and

WHEREAS, in that capacity, the Commission serves as the governing body of the City of Indianapolis Redevelopment District (the “District”); and

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the Redevelopment Act provides that the Commission may accept grants or other forms of financial assistance to assist in the exercise of its powers and duties; and

WHEREAS, the Mellon Foundation wishes to grant one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) (the “Funds”) to the Commission to partially fund the creation of the Indiana Avenue Certified Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, Purdue University wishes to grant two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) (the “Funds”) to the Commission to partially fund the creation of the Indiana Avenue Certified Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the commission wishes to accept the Funds from both the Mellon Foundation and Purdue University.

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Act permits the Commission to designate allocation areas in the District for the purposes of capturing and allocating property taxes commonly known as tax increment finance revenues (“TIF Revenues”); and

WHEREAS, the Commission has previously established the Consolidated Redevelopment Project Area (the “Consolidated Redevelopment Area”), has designated the Consolidated Redevelopment Area as an allocation area (the “Consolidated Redevelopment Allocation Area”) for the purposes of capturing TIF Revenues, has created an allocation fund (“the Consolidated Redevelopment Allocation Program Fund”) for the Consolidated Redevelopment Allocation Area into which TIF Revenues are deposited, and has approved the Consolidated Redevelopment Project Area Redevelopment Plan, (the “Consolidated Redevelopment Plan”); and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the creation of the Indiana Avenue Certified Strategic Plan, the Commission now desires to authorize the contribution of unobligated funds from the Consolidated Redevelopment Allocation Program Fund to the cost of creation of the plan, which will be located in the Consolidated Redevelopment Area in accordance with the Consolidated Redevelopment Plan, in an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Metropolitan Development Commission of Marion County, Indiana as follows.

1. The Commission authorizes DMD to accept Funds from the Mellon Foundation on behalf of the Commission in an amount not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be used by DMD to contract with Elizabeth Kennedy by and through EKLA Studio LLC.
2. The Commission authorizes DMD to accept Funds from Purdue University on behalf of the Commission in an amount not to exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to be used by DMD to contract with Elizabeth Kennedy by and through EKLA Studio LLC.
3. The Commission authorizes DMD to enter into a professional services agreement with Elizabeth Kennedy by and through EKLA Studio LLC to aid in the creation of the Indiana Avenue Certified Strategic Plan in an amount not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).
4. The Commission hereby dedicates and authorizes the expenditure of the TIF Revenues in the Consolidated Redevelopment Allocation Program Fund, in an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000), for the purpose of reimbursing DMD for the expenditures described in Paragraph 3.
5. The City Controller is hereby authorized to disburse moneys from the Allocation Fund for the local public improvements noted above. The Director of the Department of Metropolitan Development is hereby authorized and directed to take such further actions and execute such documents as she deems necessary or advisable to effectuate the authorizations set forth in this Resolution.
6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Commission.

Approved as to Legal Form and Adequacy:

/s/ Toae Kim
Toae Kim, Deputy Chief Counsel

Date: August 3, 2023

Metropolitan Development Commission:

John J. Dillon III, President

Date: _____

Approved as to the Availability of Funding

Sarah Riordan, Controller