

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 204

Approved May 25, 2016

WHEREAS, In recent weeks, issues have surfaced in the General Assembly regarding connections between certain agencies that receive legislative grants and the legislators who sponsor or advocate for those grants; and

WHEREAS, In response, the General Assembly leadership initiated an audit of certain legislative grants; and

WHEREAS, The Governor announced her intention to assist the General Assembly in making their legislative grant program more transparent, accountable and competitive; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor's office has for many years awarded discretionary grants under different names, including "contingencies"; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor's office grant program is not subject to a clear system of audit and review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby declares its intention to review discretionary or "contingency" grants made by the Mayor's office to (a) determine whether the awards met all applicable requirements and were used for their intended purpose, and (b) provide data for possible improvements in the system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council hereby commissions the Internal Auditor to prepare a report regarding the Mayor's office discretionary grants from all accounts (including but not limited to the "contingency" accounts) for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2016, including the following information for each grant:

- a. Date;
 - b. Amount;
 - c. Purpose of the grant;
 - d. Recipient;
 - e. Documentation as to how the money from the grant was spent; and
 - f. Any other information regarding the program the Internal Auditor considers germane to the goal of making the program more transparent, accountable and competitive;
- and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council requests that the Internal Auditor submit the report to the City Clerk on or before October 10, 2016.

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAY 19 2016

READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

Mayor

Date:

5/25/16