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KATHRYN VARGAS
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CITY OF PITTSBURGH
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION
CITY-COUNTY BUILDING

September 6, 2024

Council President Lavelle and Members of Council
Fifth Floor
City County Building
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Re: Food Justice Fund Resolution: Paramount Pursuits

Dear President and Members of Council,

The Department of Parks and Recreation will be submitting a resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Parks and Recreation to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with Paramount Pursuits for providing technical assistance to the City of Pittsburgh's Food Justice Fund applicants and awardees for a sum not to exceed TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$200,000.00) dollars through December 31, 2026.

The purpose of the Food Justice Fund is to increase public investment in a just, equitable, and sustainable food system, that supports our neighborhoods, local economy, and the environment. Paramount Pursuits has been selected through the RFP process to provide technical assistance to Food Justice Fund applicants developing clear, ARPA-eligible proposals, and to FJF awardees with fulfilling reporting requirements and capacity-building support. The total cost shall not exceed TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$200,000.00) dollars, with total annual costs for each year based on invoices, and shall be chargeable to and payable from account 0222905500.53901.00.2024.

Should you have any questions regarding the resolution or agreement, please do not hesitate to contact my office. Your favorable consideration is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn Vargas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Kathryn Vargas
Director

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