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Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title One, Administrative, Article VII, Procedures, by adding language in Section 161.27 Reports on City Council Grants.

Whereas, the City of Pittsburgh is a current recipient of CDBG funding, which is administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”); and

Whereas, the CDBG program provides communities with resources to, *inter alia*, provide benefits to low and moderate income communities, to eliminate slum and blight, and to resolve urgent needs threatening the health and welfare of a community; and

Whereas the administrative cost of awarding CDBG grants are fixed regardless of the award amount; and

Whereas, in the case of small grant awards, the administrative cost of awarding and supervising the grant may be more expensive than the actual grant award; and

Whereas, until these funds are distributed to the awarded organization, or the funding is reprogrammed, these funds are required to carry forward from year to year and be tracked in the City's financial systems and reported on financial statements; and

Whereas, City Council has determined that the impact of both small grant awards and unspent grants to City operations includes an increased workload on the City Controller's Office, Council Budget Office and the City Planning Office; Therefore,

**The Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby enacts as follows:**

**Section 1.** The Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title One, Administrative, Article VII, Procedures is hereby supplemented as follows:

§ 161.27 REPORTS ON CITY COUNCIL GRANTS

- (d) The minimum City Council grant award shall be ~~Three Thousand dollars (\$3,000.00)~~ Two Thousand, Five Hundred dollars (\$2,500).
- (e) The minimum Mayoral grant award shall be ~~Three Thousand dollars (\$3,000)~~ Two Thousand, Five Hundred dollars (\$2,500).
- (f) Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds not expended within 3 years shall be reprogrammed back to the Council District Office said funds originated from.