

City of Pittsburgh

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Resolution amending Resolution No. 729 of 2019, which authorized the City to extend a Contract or Agreement or Agreements with Pittsburgh Community Television for public access television services, by extending the term of the agreement until March 31, 2021.

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:

Resolution 729 of 2019 is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor and the Director of the Department of Innovation & Performance are hereby authorized to enter into a Contract or Contracts or Agreement or Agreements with Pittsburgh Community Television, Inc. for a term to end on [September 18, 2019] March 31, 2021, said contract to be funded with certain public, educational, and governmental ("PEG") channel proceeds generated by the City's cable franchise agreements with Comcast of California/Pennsylvania/Utah/Washington, Inc. and Verizon Pennsylvania, Inc., according to the schedule set forth in Section 2.

Section 2. The City shall continue to receive all remaining Fixed PEG Grants and Annual PEG Grants revenue from the aforementioned franchise agreements and deposit the funds in the appropriate trust funds. The City shall first apply the following amounts to the City Cable Bureau and then release the remaining funds to City of Pittsburgh PCTV as follows: Fixed PEG Grants: The City Cable Bureau shall receive \$105,000 in Fixed PEG Grants in 2013 and \$35,000 of Fixed PEG Grants in 2014. PCTV shall receive \$105,000 in Fixed PEG Grants in 2013 and \$35,000 of Fixed PEG Grants in 2014. Annual PEG Grants: The City Cable Bureau for its capital program shall receive the first Annual PEG Grant allocation of \$200,000 for 2013, \$165,000 for 2014, \$190,000 for 2015, \$180,000 for 2016, \$200,000 for 2017, \$200,000 for 2018, and \$180,000 for 2019, [and] \$180,000 for 2020 until September 18, 2020; and \$100,000 until March 31, 2021. The remaining Annual PEG Grants collected by the City after the above-referenced funding has been remitted to the City Cable Bureau shall be remitted to PCTV. Funds shall be deposited to JDE account numbers 1030281500.43101.00 (Comcast Franchise Trust Fund) and/or 1030288000.43101.00 (Verizon Franchise Trust Fund). Remittances to PCTV shall be paid from 1030281500.58101.00 and/or 1030288000.58101.00.

Section 3. The Agreement shall include the following stipulations: a) The City Controller shall have the express right to conduct audits of PCTV b) The City shall reserve its right to change the allocation at any time providing that any and all funding changes to this agreement shall have City Council approval c) The responsible City department shall use the designated trust funds for receipt of revenue and payment expenditures attributable to the franchise agreements. This shall include all pass through funds for PCTV. d) PCTV shall provide the City Clerk's office a copy of their annual fiscal report Section 4. Said Agreement(s) shall be approved by the City Solicitor as to form and substance."