



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

There may be some minor expenditure required to support the Madison Arts Program Administrator's participation on the Community Arts Team and the Kennedy Center project, but no additional appropriation is required. Depending on the results of the initiative, there may be some City expenditure required for projects in the future, which will require inclusion in future City budgets, subject to Common Council approval.

Title

Authorizing the City's participation in the Kennedy Center's "*Any Given Child*" Initiative including representation on the steering committee.

Body

WHEREAS, Equal access to arts education is both an indicator of the well-being of our school district and a litmus test of the health of our community; and

WHEREAS, Youth who have access to quality arts education are better prepared to thrive in our complex, competitive, and fast changing world; and

WHEREAS, understanding the importance of arts education to the health of the arts and our City, members of the Madison Arts Commission (MAC) and the City's Arts Administrator participated in the 2005-2008 Madison Metropolitan School District's (MMSD) Fine Arts Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Fine Arts Task Force collected baseline data from a community arts access assessment, released a report in July of 2008 called, "Revitalizing, Sustaining and Advancing Arts Education in Madison's Public Schools," and laid a foundation upon which further planning for arts access and equity could be established; and

WHEREAS, during the Cultural Planning process, the cultural plan steering committee recommended that "The City of Madison should partner with MMSD to apply to the Kennedy Center's Any Given Child project and if selected, should participate fully;" and

WHEREAS, in March of 2013, as part of a joint effort between the MMSD, the Overture Center for the Arts (Overture), and the City of Madison (Madison), applied to the Kennedy Center requesting that they choose Madison to participate in *Any Given Child* to help us reach our goal of ensuring that all young people in our community have access to a complete, affordable arts education in music, dance, drama, and visual art; and

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2013 the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC, announced that Madison, Wisconsin was chosen as the 12th city to participate in Any Given Child, a program that creates a long-range arts education plan for students in grades K-8; and

WHEREAS, the Kennedy Center requires a commitment from the City and the Mayor that Madison will fully participate in the three-year program; and

WHEREAS, the Kennedy Center requires Madison to select a primary contact and coordinator with a full-time position at one of the lead organizations, and that the coordinator have access to office materials, audio-visual equipment, and supplies that can be made available for the Community Arts Team (CAT) meetings; and that the Coordinator will be responsible for maintaining the email list of CAT members, sending out meeting notices, making copies of any materials needed for CAT meetings, taking minutes at meetings (or assigning

other staff to do so), drafting minutes for Kennedy Center review, following up on action items that need to be completed between meetings, and sending out the approved minutes and any materials promised at the meeting to the CAT; and

WHEREAS MMSD, Madison, and Overture agreed that Ray Gargano, Director of Programming and Community Engagement for Overture Center for the Arts, will serve in capacity of the Coordinator for this initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Kennedy Center requested that Madison hire a project assistant to assist the Coordinator and bear much of the responsibility for managing the surveys and the survey data, and

WHEREAS the UW-Madison Bolz Center for Arts Administration has assigned incoming student, Maureen Johannigman, to serve in the capacity of Project Assistant during the first phase of the *Any Given Child* initiative, and

WHEREAS, the Kennedy Center requires establishment of a Community Arts Team (CAT) that represents a broad cross-section of the community and includes a member of the City Council, the Mayor's Staff, the Madison Arts Commission, and the Arts Administrator to guide the project; and

WHEREAS, between September of 2013 and June of 2014 the Community Arts Team will meet to conduct a community audit, create a strategic plan, and develop goals and action steps; and

WHEREAS, in the second phase of Any Given Child, the Community Arts Team will begin implementation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Madison will participate in the Kennedy Center's *Any Given Child* initiative to create a plan to strengthen and expand arts education in Madison; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Arts Program Administrator will serve as the City staff liaison to the Kennedy Center for "Any Given Child;" she will also serve on the Community Arts Leadership team; and will keep the Mayor's office, the Common Council, and the Madison Arts Commission informed of the research findings and the team's resulting recommendations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ad hoc "Community Arts Team" will include the following representatives of the City of Madison, appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Common Council:

1. Common Council Member - Alder Shiva Bidar-Sielaff District 5
2. Assistant to the Mayor - Astra Miriaku Iheukumere
3. Arts Program Administrator - Karin Wolf
4. Madison Arts Commission Representative - Barbara Schrank

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Mayor and the City Clerk are authorized to enter into an agreement with Kennedy Center to create Madison's Any Given Child initiative.