

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

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The purpose of this request to Council is to accept the Living Cities Grant for the City Accelerator on Inclusive Procurement. The grant of \$50,000 will be used specifically on implementing a Small Contract Rotation Program. As you recall, Council approved the amended legislation of Ordinance 187.14.

Specifically, the Program is:

1. A race and gender-based initiative designed to provide capacity building and assistance to small contractors and to help transition them from subcontractors into prime contractors.
2. The purpose of the Rotation Program is to enable small contractors to compete for City business while strengthening their ability to obtain financing, bonding opportunities, etc. by:
 - a. Creating cash flow through accelerated payment.
 - b. Providing smaller, manageable work orders; and
 - c. Providing training and coaching at the onset and throughout the program to help contractors become bondable.
3. Ultimately, the goal of the grant is to assist contractors with building their bandwidth for contracting with the City of Cleveland through the Mayor's Self-Help Philosophy of:
 - a. Investing Locally;
 - b. Hiring Locally; and
 - c. Buying Locally.