

City of Providence



Rhode Island

Department of City Clerk

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 21, 2020

TO: Purchasing Director

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL TO AWARD, VAL TUTSON, FOR THE KRESGE FOUNDATION'S FRESHLO: FRESH, LOCAL AND EQUITABLE GRANT – DEPARTMENT OF ART, CULTURE & TOURISM**

CONSIDERED BY: Board of Contract and Supply

DISPOSITION: VOTED: that the Purchasing Director hereby authorizes Approval to Award, Val Tutson, for the Kresge Foundation's FreshLo: Fresh, Local and Equitable Grant, to spend a total of 133 hours in the co-design and co-facilitation community health worker artist facilitator trainings for 72-hour program, for a total amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), all in accordance with the request of Stephanie Fortunato, Director, in communication dated January 9, 2020.

cc: Pur.Dir.
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City Clerk



Department of Art, Culture + Tourism
Jorge O. Elorza, Mayor | Stephanie Fortunato, Director

January 9, 2020

The Honorable Jorge O. Elorza
Chairman, Board of Contract and Supply
Providence City Clerk's Office
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

RE: Val Tutson – Kresge Grant ID# G-1705-267819

Dear Mayor Elorza,

The Department of Art, Culture + Tourism (ACT) respectfully requests a vendor award to Valerie Tutson, 155 Lexington Avenue, Providence, RI 02907, to spend a total of 133 hours in co-design and co-facilitation community health worker artist facilitator trainings for 72-hour program, for a total amount not to exceed \$10,000, which will come entirely from 246-00013-20. This requested vendor was named as a partner in this grant award and for this work. Funding for this portion of the grant was also contingent upon working with them.

Kresge Foundation's FreshLo: Fresh, Local, and Equitable grant has funded the City of Providence Department of Art, Culture + Tourism and Healthy Communities Office to co-lead *Sowing Place*. The initial grant period began on October 1, 2017 and ended on September 30, 2019. With additional support from Kresge, the City of Providence Department of Art, Culture + Tourism and Healthy Communities Office have jointly proposed a pilot Creative Community Health Worker training and residency program. We believe such a program will allow us to expand our direct reach to neighborhood residents and pilot a new pathway towards employment in both creative and community health worker fields. The project begins in early February 2020 and concludes in October 2020.

We are requesting a vendor award for Valerie Tutson. Her participation and role in this project is based on her unique experience as a partner and artist facilitator working with ACT on *Sowing Place*, and the preceding *Illuminating Trinity* project also funded in part by Kresge, since 2016. As part of this contract, Valerie Tutson will work closely with the Department of Art, Culture + Tourism (ACT) to complete all grant requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie P. Fortunato
Director

Finance Approval

Minority Participation: 0%MBE 0% WBE

Account Code: 246-00013-20 \$10,000
TOTAL \$10,000

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