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**TO:** Honorable Coleman A. Young II, Council Member  
**FROM:** Jay B. Rising, CFO *JBR*  
**SUBJECT:** Grant Question  
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**1. Is the Detroit City Council within its right to pursue grants for projects and goals of its own choosing?**

Section 17-4-1 to Section 17-4-6 of Detroit City Code addresses Grants. The Executive Branch, under the direction of the Office of Grants Management and its Director (part of the OCFO), is responsible for identifying grants and the Legislative Branch, City Council, must approve such grants.

We understand Councilmembers may have opportunities to express, in public and private forums, their programmatic and policy interests that may have interest to public and private funding sources. We would encourage Councilmembers to share those interests with us to help our planning and coordination efforts. Councilmembers, individually or as a body, would of course be restricted from independently controlling funds received by the City for City purposes. However, many private funder programs aligned with Councilmember interests may be often managed independent from the City.

**CC:** David Whitaker, Legislative Policy Division Director