



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – June 14, 2017 Agenda Item 2C

### **Voting Session (Consent Agenda)**

Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Grant Agreement with Takoma Park Folk Festival, Inc.

### **Recommended Council Action**

Adopt Ordinance

### **Context with Key Issues**

The City Council, with the adoption of its FY18 Budget, approved the allocation of grant funds for the upcoming Takoma Park Folk Festival. The September 10, 2017 event marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the festival.

[Takoma Park Folk Festival, Inc. \(TPFF\)](#), having cancelled last year's festival, has spent the past year working to re-energize the organization and explore ways to celebrate its upcoming anniversary. Two new Co-Chairs have been elected and an active board established which are leading the effort to organize the 2017 Festival, including the hosting of quarterly anniversary events to be held throughout FY 2018. Additionally, the Co-Chairs and the Festival Board are working to consolidate the Festival's archives; secure commercial storage space for the organization's materials and assets; and recruit Takoma Park residents to serve as Co-Chair(s) for the 2018 Festival.

The Takoma Park Folk Festival, Inc. submitted an application for \$20,000 to the City requesting funding to plan and produce the 2017 Festival.

### **Council Priority**

A Livable Community for All

### **Environmental Impact of Action**

N/A

### **Fiscal Impact of Action**

\$20,000

### **Racial Equity**

We do not believe this Council action will disproportionately impact any particular group. The Takoma Park Folk Festival is a free event that is open to the public. As such, it is difficult to capture attendance information, including demographic information about attendees.

### **Attachments and Links**

- Ordinance Authorizing Award of Grant Agreement

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-XX**

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH  
TAKOMA PARK FOLK FESTIVAL, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park Folk Festival, Inc. organizes the annual Takoma Park Folk Festival; and

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park Folk Festival is celebrating its Fortieth Anniversary in 2017 and intends to hold quarterly events during FY 2018 to commemorate this anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the Festival is a free event that includes music and dance performances, craft sales, food vendors, and community tables; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the value of the Festival, the prestige it brings to Takoma Park, and the difficulties of fundraising to maintain the activity, the City Council has included \$20,000 in the FY 2018 budget to support the Festival; and

WHEREAS, a grant agreement has been prepared setting forth the terms of the grant and providing for orderly disbursement of the funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THAT:

Section 1. The Acting City Manager or his designee is authorized to execute a grant agreement with the Takoma Park Folk Festival, Inc. for disbursement of up to TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000.00) to support the 2017 Takoma Park Folk Festival and Fortieth Anniversary events.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_th day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: