

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-33

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES WITH CITY INNOVATE.

- WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park, Maryland is interested in enhancing its economic development capacity for the benefit of all current and future Takoma Park residents and businesses; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park has been accepted into the 2019/20 Startup in Residence (STIR) Network through City Innovate, a nonprofit dedicated to helping governments address their challenges through emerging technologies; and
- WHEREAS, the City Innovate flagship program, Startup In Residence, aims to bridge the gap between the private and public sector and facilitate connections between startup and government teams to co-create technology solutions for government-defined challenges; and
- WHEREAS, City Innovate supports a developing best practice called *challenged-based procurement* whereby a problem or challenge is identified and small technology firms respond with their proposals for solutions; and
- WHEREAS, the contract with City Innovate will provide technical assistance, access to their online project management platform, solicitation support, and training around the City's challenged-based procurement pilot.

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

- SECTION 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with City Innovate in an amount not to exceed TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) for economic development services.
- SECTION 2. The City Manager is further authorized to renew or cancel, as appropriate, such contract for up to one additional five-year term.
- SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of October, 2019 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE: Stewart, Kovar, Kostiuk, Seamens, Smith, Searcy
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Dyballa