

**City Council****Motion without Notice**

MM10.22	ACTION			Ward:20
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**Release of Section 45 Funds from the Development at 426-444 Adelaide Street West to Artscape for the Artscape Sandbox Building - by Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor John Filion**

*\* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.  
\* This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor John Filion, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the approved 2015 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$100,000.00 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 45 funds obtained in the development at 426-444 Adelaide Street West (source account: XR3028-4500140), for the purpose of providing one time capital funding to Artscape for capital improvements to the Artscape Sandbox building/facility located at 301 Adelaide Street West (cost centre: NP2161).
2. City Council direct that the funds be forwarded to Artscape upon the signing of an Undertaking by Artscape that governs the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

**Summary**

The intent of this Motion is to transfer a total of \$100,000 of Section 45 funds from the development at 426-444 Adelaide Street West (Committee of Adjustment file A0848/11TEY) to Artscape to provide one-time capital funding for the purpose of improvements to the Artscape Sandbox building/facility located at 301 Adelaide Street West.

Artscape is a not-for-profit urban development organization that helps create affordable working and living space for artists in Toronto. Since its beginning in 1986, Artscape has become recognized as an international leader in creative placemaking, a practice that leverages the power of art, culture and creativity to catalyze change, growth and transformation in communities. Artscape achieves its mission through developing and managing unique cultural facilities, including community cultural hubs, multi-purpose creative spaces and artist live/work projects, and delivering programs and services that promote creativity and cultural space development.

Artscape Sandbox is a new 6,000 square foot community performance space for professional

and community arts and is located along the John Street Cultural Corridor. The vision for Artscape Sandbox was developed through a comprehensive review of comparable facilities in Toronto and input from a Community Advisory Committee that included members from across Toronto's arts community and the local neighbourhood. This process and group identified a need for a centrally located, flexible space that is physically equipped for professional artists to create, present and exhibit work, while also being accessible to emerging and community artists and organizations.

The Section 45 funds will be used to transform the shell space into a finished space (mechanical and electrical infrastructure, life safety systems, washrooms, walls, finishes) and to provide the basic infrastructure to enable a wide range of creative performances and exhibitions for community and professional users alike, such as a basic lighting grid, green room facilities and basic audiovisual infrastructure (control board, speakers, etc.).

Funds in the amount of \$540,000 plus accrued interest have been secured and received as a condition of approval of a minor variance (Section 45) application for a development at 426-444 Adelaide Street West (Committee of Adjustment file A0848/11TEY). The funds are to be used for improvements to parks, the public realm or community facilities in Ward 20, to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation in consultation with the Ward Councillor.

The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation has reviewed this Motion and is satisfied with its intention.

Prior to the funds being released from the City, Artscape will be required to sign an Undertaking that governs the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

This Motion is urgent as Artscape needs to complete the above work in order to open and begin operating as soon as possible, and this is the last opportunity for this calendar year.

### **Background Information (City Council)**

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