

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 3, 2026

To: Alderman Kevin Frost, Finance and Personnel Committee, Chair

From: Anna Carlson, Economic Development Department

Re: Application Approval and Award Acceptance of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity State Designated Cultural Districts Grant Award

Please refer the above referenced item to the August 10, 2026 Finance and Personnel Committee meeting for consideration of acceptance of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity State Designated Cultural Districts Grant Award. The grant award, if accepted, will provide funds to support programming, projects, and activities in the Heritage District that celebrate cultural heritage, promote economic vitality, and foster community development while preventing displacement.