

**AUTHORIZE THE FUNDING OF THE NATIONAL AFRICAN-AMERICAN MILITARY MUSEUM
FOR PRESERVATION AND ARCHIVING PURPOSES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize the funding of the National African-American Military Museum to secure preservation and archiving services at a cost not to exceed \$68,200. The National African-American Military Museum is housed at the Chicago Military Academy – Bronzeville and is designed to serve as an archive for preserving and cataloging documents, pictures and artifacts depicting where and how African American men and women served in every branch of the Armed Forces of the United States of America and the Colonial Armies from the earliest conflicts to the present. In particular, artifacts and memorabilia of the African-American-commanded "Fighting Eighth" Illinois National Guard Regiment are being gathered for display. Information pertinent to this matter is stated below:

SPECIFICATION NO.: 02-250079

RECIPIENT: The National African-American Military Museum
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FUNDING SOURCE: Office of the Chief Executive Officer
125 S. Clark Street – 5th floor
Chicago, IL 60603
Contact person: Mr. David Pickens
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USE OF FUNDS: The National African-American Military Museum will utilize the funds to secure the services of two consultants to support the archiving and publicizing of the Museum. One consultant will advise the Museum in the research, selection and procurement of military artifacts associated with the 8th Regiment Armory (the "Armory"), and will preserve and catalogue documents, pictures and artifacts depicting where and how African-American men and women served in every branch of the Armed Forces of the United States of America from 1940 to the present. The second consultant will develop publicity materials for the museum and its calendar of events and will develop private, corporate and community support for the Museum.

OUTCOMES: The National African American Military Museum will serve as an institution of learning and a library for all ages. It will enable school children, college students and the general public, as well as historians, to draw on a broad base of information on the accomplishments of individuals of color who served their country with devotion and valor.

FUNDING: The Museum shall be paid the lump sum of \$68,200.00.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not Applicable.

LSC REVIEW: Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL: Charge to Citywide General Education Services: \$68,200
Budget Classification: 0950-210-149-1005-5410

Fiscal Year: 2002
Source of Funds: Education, 210

Approved for Consideration:


Anita Rocha
Acting Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:


Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel