



# CITY OF RICHMOND

## Department of Planning & Development Review *Staff Report*

**Ord. No. 2024-144:** To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$13,400,966.00 from the Virginia Department of General Services and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Works' Enslaved African Heritage Campus Project in the Capital Investment Opportunities category by \$13,400,966.00 for the purpose of funding the planning and development of a Slavery and Freedom Heritage Site in Richmond.

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**To:** City Planning Commission  
**From:** Land Use Administration  
**Date:** June 4, 2024

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### **PETITIONER**

City of Richmond, Department of Public Works

### **LOCATION**

Shockoe Bottom

### **SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION**

This ordinance is to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$13,400,966 from the Virginia Department of General Services (DGS).

Reflective of a significant ongoing partnership between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the City of Richmond, these funds from DGS general fund are intended to be provided to the City of Richmond for expenses incurred for the planning and development of a Slavery and Freedom Heritage Site in Richmond, including Lumpkin's Pavilion and Slave Trail improvements and a future Slavery Museum.

Staff has no concerns with this ordinance.

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### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

#### **Site Description**

The Slavery and Freedom Heritage Site is set to be located at address 1554 E Broad St, where the Shockoe Bottom African Burial Ground was established at the intersection of 16<sup>th</sup> street and Broad St. The site is approximately 3.4 acres and is zoned M-1, Light Industrial.

#### **Master Plan**

The City's Richmond 300 Master Plan designates this site as Destination Mixed-Use which aims to create areas that include a mix of commercial and residential buildings with features that encourage walking and buildings that enhance the public realm and create a sense of place.

**Community Engagement**

For several years, the Shockoe Alliance held numerous community forums regarding the Slavery and Freedom Heritage Site. The Mayor held a community forum unveiling the plan for the Site on February 27, 2024.

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