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to consolidate their offices; and to provide technical support and rehearsal space. The \$200,000 will allow the Opera to explore development alternatives and to complete initial design work.

Given that the City currently has a Lease with the Opera, with obligations under the Lease by both parties, any new City funding must be used to enhance the redevelopment of the Mercer Arena in a manner that exceeds the Opera's redevelopment obligations under the existing Lease.