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Council weighs museum funding

18th and Vine seeks tourism money

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Two Kansas City Council members introduced an ordinance Thursday to try to shore up the financial condition of the 18th and Vine jazz museum complex.

The measure would allocate a minimum of \$675,000 in neighborhood tourism money a year to the operation, maintenance and improvement of the American Jazz Museum Complex.

"We have to look for creative ways to continue to fund our big ticket items," said Third District at-large Councilman Troy Nash, who introduced the ordinance along with Third District Councilwoman Mary Williams Neal.

The council's Finance and Audit Committee will discuss the proposal Wednesday.

The museum complex seeks money annually from the city's general fund. As the city's budget shortfall has worsened, however, the city has cut the complex funding from \$824,000 in 2000-