

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2023-0112

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| Sponsored by: Councilmembers Simon, Turner, Sweeney and Stephens | A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$75,000, to the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio for the Stronger Together Project from the District 3, District 9, District 10 & District 11 ARPA Community Grant Funds; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. |
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WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County received \$239,898,257 from the Federal Government through the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”); and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County calculated 100% of the ARPA dollars as loss revenue under the U.S. Department of the Treasury Final Rule; and

WHEREAS, since all the ARPA dollars have been calculated as loss revenue, the ARPA dollars have been deposited in the County’s General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive and County Council have authorized \$86 million of the ARPA dollars for community grants to benefit the residents of Cuyahoga County (the “ARPA Community Grant Fund”); and

WHEREAS, of the \$86 million for community grants, \$66 million have been encumbered for equal distribution to each County Council District; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding in the amount of \$25,000 from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund, \$17,500 from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund, \$15,000 from the District 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund, and \$17,500 from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund, for a total amount of \$75,000, to the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio for the Stronger Together Project; and

WHEREAS, the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio estimates approximately 10,132 people will be served annually through this award; and

WHEREAS, the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio estimates approximately 3 permanent and temporary jobs will be created or retained through this project; and

WHEREAS, the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio estimates the total cost of the project is \$90,380; and

WHEREAS, the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio is estimating the start date of the project will be May 2023 and the project will be completed by December 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio requested \$35,000 from the District 9 & 11 ARPA Community Grant Funds to complete this project; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding in the amount of \$75,000 to the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio to ensure this project is completed; and

WHEREAS, this Council by a vote of at least eight (8) members determines that it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue to provide for the usually, daily operations of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby awards a not-to-exceed amount of \$75,000 to the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the Stronger Together Project.

SECTION 2. If any specific appropriation is necessary to effectuate this agreement, the Director of the Office of Budget and Management is authorized to submit the requisite documentation to financial reporting to journalize the appropriation.

SECTION 3. That the County Council staff is authorized to prepare all documents to effectuate said award.

SECTION 4. That the County Executive is authorized to execute all necessary agreements and documents consistent with said award and this Resolution.

SECTION 5. If requested or necessary, the Agency of the Inspector General or Department of Internal Audit is authorized to investigate, audit, or review any part of this award.

SECTION 6. To the extent that any exemptions are necessary under the County Code and contracting procedures, they shall be deemed approved by the adoption of this Resolution.

SECTION 7. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided

