

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2022-0302

Sponsored by: County Executive Budish/Department of Sustainability Co-sponsored by: Councilmembers Miller, Turner, Jones, Simon, and Stephens	A Resolution; authorizing a grant award to Growth Opportunity Partners, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 to support the development of renewable energy resources in underserved communities through a low interest loan program, commencing upon contract signature of all parties through 12/31/2024; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 2558 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, the County Executive/Department of Sustainability recommends a grant award to Growth Opportunity Partners, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 to support the development of renewable energy resources in underserved communities through a low interest loan program, commencing upon contract signature of all parties through 12/31/2024; and

WHEREAS, the primary goals of this project is to support clean energy projects that relieve energy burdens over time within the County, including Low-to-Moderate Income neighborhoods, and to provide financial solutions for rooftop resilience and to support rooftop solar projects for residents and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, this project is funded by 100% General Fund - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Revenue Replacement/Provision of Government Services; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County entity.

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

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby authorizes a grant award to Growth Opportunity Partners, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 to support the development of renewable energy resources in

underserved communities through a low interest loan program, commencing upon contract signature of all parties through 12/31/2024.

SECTION 2. That the County Executive is authorized to execute Contact No. 2558 and all documents consistent with said award and this Resolution.

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by Ms. Simon, seconded by Ms. Turner, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Miller, Sweeney, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Turner, Stephens, Simon, Baker and Jones

Nays: None

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: August 2, 2022

Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

Additional Sponsorship Requested in Committee: September 21, 2022

Committee Report/Second Reading: September 28, 2022

Additional Sponsorship Requested on the Floor: October 11, 2022

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