

Department of Development

Cuyahoga County Council Budget Presentation November 10, 2025

Empowering Business...Transforming Lives

We inspire, support, and invest in businesses & development to drive equitable economic opportunity.



Staff and Annual Budget

- 3 Management/Administrative staff
- 5 Economic Development staff
- 2 Loan Portfolio Management staff
- 7 Business Services staff (also for Housing & Community Development)
- \$1.6 Million Per Year Staff Cost General Fund
- \$1.3 Million Per Year Contracts and Other Operating Costs General Fund
- \$2.5 Million Per Year Transfer into Economic Development Fund Casino Tax



Economic Development Lending

- **Gap Financing**
- \$150,000 to \$2,500,000 (Depending on Program & Job Creation)
- 40% of a Project
- Up to 90% LTV
- 10% Equity
- Fully Underwritten
 (w/Guarantees)
- **Below Market Fixed Rate**

Economic Development Lending

Key Performance Measures 2021-2025 (to date)

- > 28 Economic Development Loans Approved
- > \$38.9 Million Loaned
- > 1,963 New Jobs Created



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Cleveland Neighborhood Progress





Greater Cleveland Partnership













"Your Business is Our Business"

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Key Performance Measures 2021-2025 (to date)

- > 3073 small businesses assisted
- Over 3,500 hours of Technical Assistance facilitated
- > \$13.1 Million total funding for grants, loans, and technical assistance