



**AGENDA**  
**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023**  
**CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS**  
**C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**  
**10:00 AM**

**Committee Members:**

**Cheryl L. Stephens, Chair – District 10**  
**Pernel Jones Jr., Vice Chair – District 8**  
**Sunny M. Simon - District 11**  
**Michael J. Gallagher - District 5**  
**Patrick Kelly - District 1**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 30, 2023 MEETING [See Page 3]**
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
  - a) R2023-0311: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the NAACP, Cleveland Branch for a community series on criminal legal reform from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 6]
  - b) R2023-0316: A Resolution authorizing a contract with Frank Ford Consulting, LLC in the total amount not to exceed \$58,500 for the provision of Mortgage Lending Research and Technical Assistance to Cuyahoga County Council for the period 10/1/2023 – 4/5/2024;

authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 14]

**6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

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## MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
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C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
10:00 AM

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

**Chairwoman Stephens called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.**

### 2. ROLL CALL

**Ms. Stephens asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members Stephens, Gallagher and Kelly were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee members Jones and Simon were absent.**

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**There were no public comments given.**

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 16, 2023 MEETING

**A motion was made by Ms. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Kelly, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2023 meeting.**

### 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2023-0295: A Resolution awarding a Community Development Grant in a total amount not to exceed \$250,000.00, to Warner and Swasey LLC for the benefit of a mixed-use real estate redevelopment project for a property located at 5701 Carnegie Avenue in the City of Cleveland; and

declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor for County Council; Ms. Ashley Shaw, Executive Director and Mr. Ed Peppers, Vice President of Economic Development for MidTown Cleveland Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0295. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. McAleer, Ms. Shaw and Mr. Peppers pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Kelly with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2023-0295 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

- b) R2023-0299: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$250,000, to Olympia Foundation Inc., for the rehabilitation of the Olympia Building from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Jennifer Wintner, Attorney for the Olympia Foundation, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0299. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Wintner pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Mr. Kelly, Resolution No. R2023-0299 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- c) R2023-0308: A Resolution authorizing an agreement with City of Lakewood in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,091,667.00 for tenant based rental assistance services in connection with the American Rescue Plan for HOME Investment Partnership Program for the period 10/1/2023 – 9/30/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreement No. 3803 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Prentis Jackson, Jr., Senior Development Housing Specialist for the Department of Housing & Community Development, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0308. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Jackson pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Kelly with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2023-0308 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

**6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Stephens adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m., without objection.**

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Resolution No. R2023-0311

Sponsored by: <b>Councilmember Turner</b>	<b>A Resolution</b> awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the NAACP, Cleveland Branch for a community series on criminal legal reform from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; 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 from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund in the amount of \$10,000 to the NAACP, Cleveland Branch for a community series on criminal legal reform; and

**WHEREAS**, the NAACP, Cleveland Branch estimates approximately 300 people will be served annually through this award; and

**WHEREAS**, the NAACP, Cleveland Branch estimates the total cost of the project is \$20,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the NAACP, Cleveland Branch indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes \$5,000 from the Cleveland Clinic and \$5,000 from the Gund Foundation (requested); and

**WHEREAS**, the NAACP, Cleveland Branch is estimating the start date of the project will be November 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the NAACP, Cleveland Branch requested \$10,000 from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund to complete this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding in the amount of \$10,000 to the NAACP, Cleveland Branch 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 \$10,000 to the NAACP, Cleveland Branch from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for a community series on criminal legal reform.

**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 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 8.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and 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 \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Council President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Executive

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

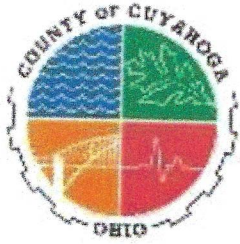
First Reading/Referred to Committee: November 14, 2023

Committee(s) Assigned: Community Development

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**Cuyahoga County  
Council**

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**COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT APPLICATION**

<b>APPLICANT INFORMATION:</b>	
<b>Name of Requesting Entity (City, Business, Non-Profit, etc.):</b> NAACP, Cleveland Branch	
<b>Address of Requesting Entity:</b> 12200 Fairhill Road, Cleveland Ohio, 44120	
<b>County Council District # of Requesting Entity:</b> Cuyahoga	
<b>Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity:</b>	
<b>County Council District # of Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity:</b>	
<b>Contact Name of Person Filling out This Request:</b> Edwin Hubbard Jr.	
<b>Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity:</b>	
<b>Email:</b> edwinhubbardjr@clevelandnaacp.org	<b>Phone:</b> 216-534-6825
<b>Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.:</b>	<b>Date:</b> 10/24/23

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

**REQUEST DESCRIPTION (include the project name, a description of the project, why the project is important or needed, and timeline of milestones/tracking of the project):**

**Purpose:** The Cleveland NAACP seeks to organize a three-part community series with its community-based partners and other justice stakeholders to inform the public on criminal legal issues and the need to consider alternatives to incarceration to diminish the harm that jails and prisons have on Black and minority communities. Like most of the country, Cuyahoga County has experienced an unprecedented crisis with mass incarceration and an opiate epidemic that has disproportionately affected Black and poor communities. A public education series can help bring this and other issues to light.

**Goals:**

Establish Collaborative Partnerships with Key Stakeholders around Criminal Legal Reform  
Initiate Public Education on Key Criminal Legal Reforms  
Facilitate Community Residents' Learning on Criminal Legal Reform and Alternatives to Incarceration by Implementing a Three-Part Community Education Series

**Goals & Objectives**

Establish Collaborative Partnerships with Key Stakeholders around Criminal Legal Reform

**Objective:** Establish collaborative partnerships with key stakeholders in Cuyahoga County addressing criminal legal reform, particularly the continuum of mental and behavioral health care; civilian care response pilot projects; youth justice; and criminal legal data transparency

**Community-based organizations (CBOs) and agencies:** Align with CBOs that are pursuing similar criminal legal reform and public safety goals and have a clear commitment to supporting community-based alternatives to incarceration for Cuyahoga County residents who are justice-involved.

**Community Residents:** Educate residents on issues pertinent to criminal legal reform; provide them with a platform to ask questions of subject matter experts on public safety; and create pathways for them to become more involved or advocates for reform.

**City of Cleveland and Mayor Bibb's Administration:** Find alignment with the City of Cleveland's public safety goals that promote community-based alternatives to incarceration and public safety.

**Cuyahoga County and Executive:** Partner on solutions that prioritize funding the continuum of care for mental and behavioral health services from federal, state, and local dol

**Project Start Date:**

11/15/23

**Project End Date:**

**IMPACT OF PROJECT:**

**Who will be served:**

The underserved and underrepresented populations, particularly people of color who are low/moderate income who live in Cuyahoga County.

**How many people will be served annually:**

\$300.00

**Will low/moderate income people be served; if so how:**

Yes. These forums will seek to meet the community where they are and have a comprehensive discussion on the most pressing issues. The hope is that the conversations will empower and simplify how to successfully use legislation and policy to create change.

**How does the project fit with the community and with other ongoing projects:**

These community series will work in tandem with other current initiatives that encourage the African American community to become civically engaged and exercise their power to vote and control the destiny of their respective communities.

**If applicable, how many jobs will be created or retained (specify the number for each) and will the jobs be permanent or temporary:**

N/A

**If applicable, what environmental issues or benefits will there be:**

N/A

**If applicable, how does this project serve as a catalyst for future initiatives:**

These conversations promote civic engagement and lay the foundation to create many more conversations and solutions on the greatest issues impacting our community.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

**Total Budget of Project:**

\$15,000.00

**Other Funding Sources of Project (list each source and dollar amount separately):**

\$5,000 Cleveland Clinic

\$5,000 Gund Foundation (Requested)

**Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars:**

\$10,000.00

**Since these are one-time dollars, how will the Project be sustained moving forward:**

The current budget covers 3 events which completes the series. The Cleveland Branch NAACP will engage local foundations and community partners/ sponsors for future collaboration.

**DISCLAIMER INFORMATION AND SIGNATURE:**

**Disclaimer:**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have the authority to apply for financial assistance on behalf of the entity described herein, and that the information contained herein and attached hereto is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I acknowledge and agree that all County contracts and programs are subject to Federal Guidelines and Regulations, the Ohio Revised Code, the Cuyahoga County Charter, and all County Ordinances including all information submitted as part of this application is a public record.

I understand that any willful misrepresentation on this application or on any of the attachments thereto could result in a fine and/or imprisonment under relevant local, state, and/or federal laws or guidelines.

I agree that at any time, any local, state, or federal governmental agency, or a private entity on behalf of any of these governmental agencies, can audit these dollars and projects.

**Printed Name:**

Edwin Hubbard Jr.

**Signature:**

*Edwin Hubbard Jr.*

**Date:**

10/24/23

**Additional Documents**

Are there additional documents or files as part of this application? Please list each documents name:

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Resolution No. R2023-0316

<p>Sponsored by: <b>Councilmembers Jones and Stephens</b></p>	<p><b>A Resolution</b> authorizing a contract with Frank Ford Consulting, LLC in the total amount not to exceed \$58,500 for the provision of Mortgage Lending Research and Technical Assistance to Cuyahoga County Council for the period 10/1/2023 – 4/5/2024; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.</p>
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**WHEREAS**, in 2020 the Cuyahoga County Council established the Community Reinvestment Advisory Subcommittee to monitor and explore ways for financial institutions to meet the lending and banking needs of county residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Reinvestment Advisory Subcommittee now seeks to analyze the lending practices of local financial institutions using data published by the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC) and the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA); and

**WHEREAS**, Frank Ford serves as the principal of Frank Ford Consulting, LLC, has served as the Senior Policy Advisor for the Housing Center, and has demonstrated expertise analyzing data in the areas of housing, banking, and community development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to enter into a contract with Frank Ford Consulting, LLC for Mortgage Lending Research and Technical Assistance in the amount not to exceed \$58,500; and

**WHEREAS**, the funding source for this contract comes from the Cuyahoga County Community Development fund, which is funded by the County’s casino tax revenue; 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 authorizes a contract with Frank Ford Consulting, LLC in an amount not-to-exceed \$58,500 for the provision of Mortgage Lending Research and Technical Assistance for the period 10/1/2023 – 4/5/2024.

**SECTION 2.** That the County Council staff is authorized to prepare all documents to effectuate said contract.

**SECTION 3.** That the County Executive is authorized to execute all necessary agreements and documents consistent with said contract and this Resolution.

**SECTION 4.** 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.

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On a motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Council President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Executive

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Date

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Clerk of Council

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Date

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