



**AGENDA**  
**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024**  
**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 JUNE 24, 2024 MEETING [See Page 3]**
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
  - a) R2024-0246: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$6,000, to the United Black Fund of Greater Cleveland for the Afro PACT Summit from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 7]
  - b) R2024-0250: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to the Western Reserve Historical Society for the Carl B. Stokes History & Legacy Project from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 15]

- c) R2024-0251: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$200,000, to Karamu House for the Karamu's Next Generation Capital Improvements Project from the District 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 24]
  
- d) R2024-0252: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$295,000, to the Home Repair Resource Center for the Challenge Fund Loan Program from the District 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 33]

## **6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

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## MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
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MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024  
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2:00 PM

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

**Chairwoman Stephens called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.**

### 2. ROLL CALL

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

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**There were no public comments given.**

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 10, 2024 MEETING

**A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Kelly, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2024 meeting.**

### 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2024-0225: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$75,000, to the CREW Foundation for the Skill Up/Crew Up initiative from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Sheila Wright, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the CREW Foundation, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0225. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2024-0225 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- b) R2024-0238: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Casino Revenue Fund Loan Agreement with the City of Euclid for the benefit of Phase II of the Waterfront Improvement Plan, by extending the loan maturity date from 7/8/2034 to 7/8/2039; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Bryan Edwards, Manager, Loan Portfolio for the Department of Development; and Mr. Patrick Grogan-Myers, Director of Planning and Development for the City of Euclid, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0238. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Edwards and Mr. Grogan-Myers pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2024-0238 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

**Ms. Simon requested to have her name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.**

- c) R2024-0239: A Resolution authorizing an Emergency Rental Assistance 2 Loan to Gordon's Crossing, LP, or its designee, in the amount not-to-exceed \$600,000.00 for a mixed-use, real estate redevelopment project, located at the intersection of East 101<sup>st</sup> Street and Woodward Avenue, City of Cleveland; authorizing the County Executive and/or Director of Housing and Community Development to execute all documents consistent with said loan and this Resolution, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Wright and Ms. Sara Parks Jackson, Director for the Department of Housing and Community Development, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0239. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Wright and Ms. Parks Jackson pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Mr. Kelly, Resolution No. R2024-0239 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

d) R2024-0240: A Resolution making awards to various municipalities in the total amount of \$600,000.00 for various projects or programs in connection with the FY2024 Community Development Block Grant Program for the period 3/12/2024 – 12/31/2024; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreements and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) City of Garfield Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for the Garfield Heights Civic Center Parking Lot Project.
- 2) City of Highland Hills in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for the Gathering Space Project.
- 3) City of North Olmsted in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for the North Olmsted Senior Center Renovation Project.
- 4) Village of Olmsted Township in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for the Schady Road Sidewalk Project from Stearns Road to Nature Trail/Dog Park property.

**Ms. Parks Jackson and Ms. Kellie Glenn, Administrator of the Department of Housing and Community Development; and Mr. Max Upton, Director of Economic and Community Development for the City of North Olmsted, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0240. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Parks Jackson, Ms. Glenn and Mr. Upton pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Kelly, Resolution No. R2024-0240 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

7. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Stephens adjourned the meeting at 2:54 p.m., without objection.**

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Resolution No. R2024-0246

Sponsored by: <b>Councilmember Jones</b>	<b>A Resolution</b> awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$6,000, to the United Black Fund of Greater Cleveland for the Afro PACT Summit from the District 8 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 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund in the amount of \$6,000 to the United Black Fund of Greater Cleveland for the Afro PACT Summit; and

**WHEREAS**, the United Black Fund of Greater Cleveland estimates approximately 100 people will be served annually through this award; and

**WHEREAS**, the United Black Fund of Greater Cleveland estimates the total cost of the project is \$15,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the United Black Fund of Greater Cleveland indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes:

- A. \$2,000 from the United Black Fund;
- B. \$3,000 from the Bryant Training Group;
- C. \$1,500 from individual donors;
- D. \$1,000 from Friends of Juanita Brent; and

**WHEREAS**, the United Black Fund of Greater Cleveland is estimating the start date of the project will be May 2024 and the project will be completed by September 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the United Black Fund of Greater Cleveland requested \$6,000 from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund to complete this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding in the amount of \$6,000 to the United Black Fund of Greater Cleveland 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 \$6,000 to the United Black Fund of Greater Cleveland from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the Afro PACT Summit.

**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







## 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>	
United Black Fund of Greater Cleveland, a Non-Profit Organization	
<b>Address of Requesting Entity:</b>	
1621 Euclid Avenue, Suite 1200 Cleveland, OH 44115	
<b>County Council District # of Requesting Entity:</b>	
#7	
<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>	
Victoria Willson	
<b>Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>
accounting@unitedblackfund.org	216-566-9263
<b>Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.:</b>	<b>Date:</b> 06/05/2024
34-1366892	

## 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):**

### Project Description

The creation and operationalizing of the summit will offer the insight of panelist who work to build inter-continental bridges for shared economic growth spanning agriculture, IT and manufacturing. Additionally, the summit will unlock opportunities for building meaningful alliances across the African diaspora in Cuyahoga County and throughout the State of Ohio by intentionally curated listening and strategy sessions. The summit, among other things will help elevate anecdotes of personal triumph, areas of shared need and opportunity both locally and on the continent of Africa, repairing broken relationships.

### Why the Project is Important or needed

As the population in the State of Ohio of foreign born black Americans continuously increase and the United States interest in working with Africa continues to grow it is important at a local level we continue to build and become leaders in this shared global space by further exploring the need to understand and drive change locally by leveraging our similarities and resolving for our differences! In this first year, our primary goal is to convene at least 100 diverse individuals to set the stage for future efforts to create cross-cultural understanding and awareness by exhausting the conversation of building inclusive spaces and the creation of workforce pipelines while activating international economic cooperation pathways with proven footprints of Africans who have settled in America.

### Timeline of Milestones / Tracking the Project

Complete Fundraising Commitments – 5/31/2024  
Complete Design Plan and Layout with Consultant -6/30/2024  
Commitment from all speakers, panelist and moderators -7/30/2024  
Market Summit w/pre-survey + Save the Dates -8/31/1014  
Summit Execution -9/26/2024-9/27/2024

**Project Start Date: 05/31/2024**

**Project End Date: 09/27/2024**

**IMPACT OF PROJECT:**

**Who will be served:** Community members within Cuyahoga County and across the State of Ohio who have an interest in cultural exchange of knowledge to support economic growth in Cuyahoga County and share ideas of cultural understanding.

**How many people will be served annually:**  
This is the first convening. The goal is hosting this summit on a bi-annual basis. The targeted number of participants is 100 with free admission.

**Will low/moderate income people be served; if so how:** The diasporan community is defined as individuals of west African descent historically by origin or recent transition. Targeted registration will be geared towards communities of color who likely by census tract can identify as low to moderate income. Post surveys will request information but not at the time of registration.

**How does the project fit with the community and with other ongoing projects:**  
The City of Cleveland alongside Global Cleveland is presently working to create three sister cities with countries in Africa with people who identify as members of the diaspora. This is a unique opportunity to build upon the Sister City work already occurring and focus on a larger scale convening for a targeted audience who has been ignored in the past. It is a unique opportunity to redefine how we create equity here locally and could serve as a compliment to the work of Cuyahoga County and its new Welcome Center.

**If applicable, how many jobs will be created or retained (specify the number for each) and will the jobs be permanent or temporary:** Not applicable

**If applicable, what environmental issues or benefits will there be:** Not applicable

**If applicable, how does this project serve as a catalyst for future initiatives:** As stated above, it is a unique opportunity to redefine how we create equity here locally and could serve as a compliment to the work of Cuyahoga County and its new Welcome Center. Additionally, the summit will unlock opportunities for building meaningful alliances across the African diaspora in Cuyahoga County and throughout the State of Ohio by intentionally curated listening and strategy sessions. The summit, among other things will help elevate anecdotes of personal triumph, areas of shared need and opportunity both locally and on the continent of Africa, repairing broken relationships.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

**Total Budget of Project:**  
\$15,000.00

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

United Black Fund - \$2,000.00  
The Bryant Training Group- \$3,000.00  
Individual Donor -\$500.00  
Individual Donor - \$1,000.00  
Friends of Juanita Brent - \$1,000.00

**Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars: \$6,000.00**

**Since these are one-time dollars, how will the Project be sustained moving forward:** The project will be sustained by year-round on going fundraising initiatives and partnership creation. This is the first year and the first time for this convening. No other convenings in the State of Ohio exist such as this one. Because it will equally serve as a strategy building summit methods of examining sustainable fundraising efforts will be built into the educational sessions.

**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: Cecil Lipscomb**

**Signature:**



**Date: 06/05/2024**

**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. R2024-0250

Sponsored by: <b>Councilmember Turner</b>	<b>A Resolution</b> awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to the Western Reserve Historical Society for the Carl B. Stokes History & Legacy Project 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 \$20,000 to the Western Reserve Historical Society for the Carl B. Stokes History & Legacy Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Western Reserve Historical Society estimates approximately 30,000 people will be served annually through this award; and

**WHEREAS**, the Western Reserve Historical Society estimates approximately 7 permanent and temporary jobs will be created or retained through this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Western Reserve Historical Society estimates the total cost of the project is \$512,000 for the Lake View Cemetery Monument and \$1,106,739 for the Legacy Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Western Reserve Historical Society indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes:

- A. \$135,000 from the St. Luke’s Foundation;
- B. \$10,000 from Cordell Stokes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Western Reserve Historical Society is estimating the start date of the project will be September 2024 and the project will be completed by August 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Western Reserve Historical Society requested \$20,000 from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund to complete this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding in the amount of \$20,000 to the Western Reserve Historical Society 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 \$20,000 to the Western Reserve Historical Society from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the Carl B. Stokes History & Legacy 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.





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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>	
Western Reserve Historical Society	
<b>Address of Requesting Entity:</b>	
10825 East Boulevard Cleveland, OH 44106	
<b>County Council District # of Requesting Entity:</b>	
District 7	
<b>Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity:</b>	
Lake View Cemetery 12316 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, OH 44106	Karamu House 2355 E 89th St Cleveland, OH 44106
<b>County Council District # of Address of Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity:</b>	
n/a	
<b>Contact Name of Person Filling out This Request:</b>	
Tess Snyder, Grants Manager	
<b>Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity:</b>	
n/a	
<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>
tsnyder@wrhs.org	(216) 721-5722
<b>Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
34-0714724	June 20, 2024

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Carl B. Stokes History & Legacy Project represents the coming together of three Cleveland nonprofit institutions to honor this important figure in Cleveland history: The Western Reserve Historical Society, Karamu House, and Lake View Cemetery. The overall project includes the erection of a memorial monument and statue (the “Monument”) in Lake View Cemetery near the gravesite of Mr. Stokes as well as the preservation of Mr. Stokes’ writings, speeches, and papers held in the archives of the Western Reserve Historical Society (WRHS) and the Carl Burton Stokes Collection of memorabilia at Karamu House. We are writing to specifically request support for the Carl Burton Stokes Monument to be erected near his gravesite in the Lake View Cemetery.

Cleveland holds some of history’s finest moments, and the history makers who have made those moments will be remembered forever. Among them are the Stokes brothers – two kids from the projects who followed their passion for law and politics to become iconic Black changemakers not only for Cleveland, but for the nation. Carl Burton Stokes was elected the 51<sup>st</sup> mayor of Cleveland in 1967, making him the first Black mayor of a major American City. His older brother Louis Stokes was elected as a Democrat to the United States House of Representatives the following year, serving the 21<sup>st</sup> District of Ohio, where he remained for 15 terms. Louis was also a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Prior to being elected mayor, Carl was elected as the first Black Democrat to the Ohio House of Representatives in 1962, where he served three terms. In 1970, the National League of Cities elected him as their first Black president. After completing two terms as Mayor of the City of Cleveland, in 1972 he became the first Black anchorman in New York City when he took the job with television station WNBC, winning an Emmy Award for his broadcasting work. Carl later returned to Cleveland in 1980 and began serving as general counsel for the United Auto Workers Union.

From 1983 to 1994, Carl Burton Stokes served as a Municipal Court Judge in Cleveland. In 1994, President Clinton appointed him as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles. He was awarded 12 honorary degrees, numerous civic awards, and representing the United States on numerous goodwill trips abroad, at the request of the White House.

Carl Burton Stokes was an amateur boxer, author, lecturer, billiards aficionado, and civil rights and human rights activist, making him a unique figure in American History. Stokes passed away from this world on April 3, 1996, and was buried at the historic Lake View Cemetery (LVC) in Cleveland.

Yet, even with all of these accomplishments and accolades, Carl’s gravesite does not invoke the attention of visitors or the casual passerby in this beautiful, historic cemetery, unlike the monument found at the gravesite of his brother Louis. Our goal is to give Carl Burton Stokes the recognition he deserves by erecting a new Monument near his grave in Lake View Cemetery, honoring him as a great man that accomplished so much for our city and state, and heralded so many “firsts.”

Thus, the Carl Burton Stokes History and Legacy Project has been established for this purpose. In addition to the grave Monument, the project includes the processing and digitization of Stokes’ papers at the Western Reserve Historical Society’s archives; and to completely upgrade and modernize the Stokes Room at Karamu House which houses the photos, awards, and trophy collection of Carl Burton Stokes.

**Project Start Date:**

9/1/2024

**Project End Date:**

8/31/2025

## IMPACT OF PROJECT:

### Who will be served:

The project will serve the citizens of Greater Cleveland, including all of Cuyahoga County and surrounding areas, as well as out of town visitors and regional students/historians.

### How many people will be served annually:

We anticipate serving 30,000 people through visits to Lake View Cemetery to view the new graveside Monument of Carl Burton Stokes and attend the ribbon-cutting event; and those who access Stokes' papers, speeches, photographs, plaques, and articles both at Karamu House and WRHS; and children who attend educational events at WRHS and Karamu House centering around Stokes' legacy.

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

Yes. Low/Moderate income populations will be served through Cleveland schools' educational programs that feature the history and legacy of Carl Burton Stokes. Approximately 13,000 Cleveland area students participate in educational learning programs each year at the Western Reserve Historical Society.

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

Carl Stokes' grave is located at Lake View Cemetery, where the Monument will be installed. In addition, running concurrently with this project is the **Western Reserve Historical Society's (WRHS) *Solidarity Now! 1968 Poor People's Campaign***, a travelling exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution which explores one of the most important grassroots movements of the civil rights era; and ***History in Their Hands: Black Photographers in Cleveland, Ohio, 1968-Present***, a new Cleveland history exhibition experience that focuses on the images and captured memories of local photographer-artists. These projects dovetail perfectly with the Stokes Legacy Project.

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

#### Temporary

1 – artist to design memorial  
4 – contractors for work to be done at Lake View Cemetery and Karamu House

#### Retained

2 Archivists (1 Karamu House, 1 WRHS)

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

The installation of the Carl Stokes Monument at Lake View Cemetery will include benches where visitors can sit and enjoy the view and peace of the lake and surrounding areas. In addition to environmental beautification, access to the Carl Stokes archives at Karamu House and WRHS's Cleveland History Center will preserve important local historical information and make these archives accessible to historians and researchers in Cleveland and across the country for years to come.

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

N/A

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

**Total Budget of Project:**

\$512,000 for the Lake View Cemetery Carl Burton Stokes Monument

\$1,106,739 for the total Carl Burton Stokes Legacy Project, which includes the Lake View Cemetery Carl Burton Stokes Monument plus the Carl B. Stokes archives projects at Karamu House and the Western Reserve Historical Society.

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

\$135,000 - Saint Luke's Foundation  
\$10,000 - Cordell Stokes

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

\$20,000

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

This is a collaborative project that involves several organizations, with different aspects of the project to be sustained in the future by the organizations based on where items are installed or kept. The Carl Burton Stokes Monument will be maintained by Lake View Cemetery in the future. The Carl Stokes Collection at Karamu House will be maintained by that organization, and the Carl Stokes archives at the WRHS's Cleveland History Center will be maintained by the Western Reserve Historical Society.

**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 the 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, and audit these dollars and projects.

**Printed Name:**

Kelly Falcone-Hall

**Signature:**



**Date:**

June 20, 2024

**Additional Documents**

501(c)(3) Determination Letter

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Resolution No. R2024-0251

Sponsored by: <b>Councilmember Stephens</b>	<b>A Resolution</b> awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$200,000, to Karamu House for the Karamu’s Next Generation capital improvements project from the District 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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**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 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund in the amount of \$200,000 to Karamu House for the Karamu’s Next Generation capital improvements project; and

**WHEREAS**, Karamu House estimates approximately 25,000 people will be served annually through this award; and

**WHEREAS**, Karamu House estimates approximately 204 permanent and temporary jobs will be created or retained through this project; and

**WHEREAS**, Karamu House estimates the total cost of the project is \$5,377,060; and

**WHEREAS**, Karamu House indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes:



- A. \$500,000 from the City of Cleveland;
- B. \$92,780 from J.M. Smucker Co.;
- C. \$1,400,000 from the George Gund Foundation;
- D. \$1,280,000 from the Cleveland Foundation;
- E. \$75,000 from the National Trust for Historic Preservation;
- F. \$300,000 from KeyBank;
- G. \$529,280 from the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission;
- H. \$1,000,000 from Bank of America; and

**WHEREAS**, Karamu House is estimating the start date of the project will be March 2022 and the project will be completed by July 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Karamu House requested \$200,000 from the District 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund to complete this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding in the amount of \$200,000 to Karamu House 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 \$200,000 to Karamu House from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the Karamu’s Next Generation capital improvements 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.

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**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:

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County Council President

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Date

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County Executive

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First Reading/Referred to Committee: July 2, 2024  
Committee(s) Assigned: Community Development

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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> Karamu House	
<b>Address of Requesting Entity:</b> 2355 East 89 <sup>th</sup> Street, Cleveland, OH 44106	
<b>County Council District # of Requesting Entity:</b> District #7	
<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> Tony F. Sias	
<b>Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity:</b>	
<b>Email:</b> tsias@karamuhouse.org	<b>Phone:</b> 216-795-7074
<b>Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.:</b> 34-0714448	<b>Date:</b> 6/25/2024

## 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):**

Karamu House in Cleveland, Ohio, the nation's oldest producing Black theatre, is nearing the end of a multi-phase renovation project for its entire campus that will set the stage for a second century of service to its local neighborhood, the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, the region, and beyond. American Rescue Plan Act funds from Cuyahoga County will help Karamu House through its final phase of capital improvements to the 75-year-old building, completing renovations that will increase ADA accessibility and arts learning opportunities for patrons, students of all ages, community artists and residents, and professional staff. Dubbed Karamu's Next Generation, this project honors the legacy of its 20th century founders, artists, and activists, while preparing for the next 100 years of service.

Construction was completed on the current 75,000 sq-ft Karamu House facility in 1959. In the decades since, the entire facility has remained in its original state with only occasional repairs or mechanical upgrades. Cost prevented the necessary investment required to accommodate modern patrons and audiences while preserving this national treasure.

In 2017 Karamu launched a multi-year capital improvement project encompassing the theatre wing (Phases I-III).

- Phases I and II, completed in May 2018, began with a new roof and HVAC for Karamu's primary theatrical venue. This initial phase of the project also included the renovation of the Jelliffe Theatre, lobby, and portico, as well as the box office, gift shop, restrooms, bar, and George Forbes gallery.
- Phase III completion, delayed by pandemic-induced disruptions in the construction industry, will be completed in July 2024. Projects in this phase are rounding out the theatre wing renovations and additions with a focus on accessibility, including the black box Arena Theatre and associated common areas, and make the necessary ADA upgrades to the theatre wing. Phase III also includes the creation of a bistro and indoor/outdoor pavilion, furthering overall public accessibility to all parts of the theatre wing. Lastly, this third phase is renewing the corner of E. 89th Street and Quincy Avenue with a streetscape that advances accessibility to all.

Cuyahoga County funding will support cost overruns related to capital renovations for materials and contractors that resulted from supply chain issues and other delays. Additionally, funding will support programming operations that benefit county residents in the areas of theatre, arts education for lifelong learners, and community programs that celebrate Black life and culture as Karamu House activates new and renovated spaces within the theatre wing.

**Project Start Date:** 3/1/2022

**Project End Date:** 7/31/2024

## **IMPACT OF PROJECT:**

### **Who will be served:**

The facility is open to the general public as an arts center. As a valued neighborhood institution, Karamu House is open approximately 325 days throughout the year. Funds will support theatre, arts education for all ages, and community programs that honor and celebrate Black life and culture and employ hundreds of community artists each year. New workforce training will provide opportunities for technical theatre employment at Karamu House and across the region.

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

An estimated 25,000 individuals will be served annually, an increase of 25% above the average rate of service over the past several (non-COVID) years as new and renovated spaces are activated.

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

The Fairfax neighborhood of Cleveland where Karamu House is located is an historically underserved, economically depressed area, where the median household income is 20% lower than the City of Cleveland, with 40% of households living below poverty (58% of children), and an additional 24% living 200% or more under the poverty line. Through the investment of generous funders, arts education programming provides scholarships for children and youth in qualifying families.

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

As an anchor institution in the Fairfax neighborhood, Karamu is deeply involved in its development into the comprehensive Quincy Avenue Arts District in partnership with Fairfax Renaissance Development Corporation and others. The core values of Karamu's capital improvement plan are economic impact, earned income, and accessibility—all with community-wide impact based upon the need for economic and workforce development in Fairfax.

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

186 temporary jobs were created related to the construction project

All permanent jobs will be retained (15)

Three new permanent jobs will be created

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

Operating costs are expected to be proportionately lower than previous costs due to increased energy savings resulting from renovations, including a new HVAC system, LED lighting, bathroom upgrades, and other energy-efficient additions. Asbestos abatement followed industry-dictated requirements.

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

The renovated spaces will help Karamu House improve the visitor experience and better serve members of the community, including lifelong learners, patrons, and artists, and those who seek neighborhood-based gathering spaces. The project will impact the next generation of artists and thinkers through increased opportunities for valuable exposure to the arts for youth that will contribute to their personal and educational growth.

<b>FINANCIAL INFORMATION:</b>	
<b>Total Budget of Project:</b>	
\$5,377,060 capital renovations	
\$2,133,793 program operations	
<b>Other Funding Sources of Project (list each source and dollar amount separately):</b>	
<u>Capital Renovations</u>	
City of Cleveland \$500,000	National Trust for Historic Preservation \$75,000
J.M. Smucker Co. \$92,780	KeyBank \$300,000
The George Gund Foundation \$1,400,000	Ohio Facilities Construction Commission \$529,280
The Cleveland Foundation \$1,280,000	Bank of America \$1,000,000
<u>Program Operations:</u> Karamu’s revenue strategy includes a mix of earned income, foundation grants, government grants and contracts, corporate donations, and donations from individuals.	
<b>Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars:</b>	
\$200,000	
<b>Since these are one-time dollars, how will the Project be sustained moving forward:</b>	
The renovation project is finite, and close to completion. It will not require additional dollars over and above typical, annual facilities costs that are accounted for across Karamu’s annual budget.	
Funding for program operations will be raised annually. Karamu House has a strong history of fiscal health, achieving a balanced budget over the past eight years under current leadership. Funding sources for ongoing operational costs will include both earned income and contributed income categories with additional potential in the renovated spaces.	

**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.

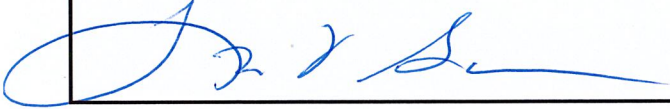
I understand that any willful misrepresentation on this application or on any of the attachments thereto could result in a fine and/or imprisonment under relevant local, state, and/or federal laws or guidelines.

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:**

Tony F. Sias

**Signature:**



**Date:**

6/25/2024

**Additional Documents**

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

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# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Resolution No. R2024-0252

Sponsored by: <b>Councilmember Stephens</b>	<b>A Resolution</b> awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$295,000, to the Home Repair Resource Center for the Challenge Fund Loan Program from the District 10 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 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund in the amount of \$295,000 to the Home Repair Resource Center for the Challenge Fund Loan Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Home Repair Resource Center estimates approximately 50 homeowners will be served annually through this award; and

**WHEREAS**, the Home Repair Resource Center estimates approximately one job will be created or retained through this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Home Repair Resource Center estimates the total cost of the project is \$380,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Home Repair Resource Center indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes:

- A. \$70,000 from the City of Cleveland Heights

B. \$10,000 from the City of University Heights; and

**WHEREAS**, the Home Repair Resource Center is estimating the start date of the project will be October 2024 and the project will be completed by October 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Home Repair Resource Center requested \$300,000 from the District 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund to complete this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding in the amount of \$295,000 to the Home Repair Resource Center 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 \$295,000 to the Home Repair Resource Center from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the Challenge Fund Loan Program.

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

Yeas:

Nays:

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County Council President

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Date

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Date

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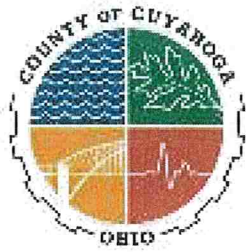
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First Reading/Referred to Committee: July 2, 2024

Committee(s) Assigned: Community Development

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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>	
Home Repair Resource Center	
<b>Address of Requesting Entity:</b>	
2520 Noble Road Cleveland Heights Ohio, 44121	
<b>County Council District # of Requesting Entity:</b>	
District 10	
<b>Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity:</b>	
N/A	
<b>County Council District # of Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity:</b>	
N/A	
<b>Contact Name of Person Filling out This Request:</b>	
Keesha Allen – Executive Director	
<b>Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity:</b>	
N/A	
<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>
<a href="mailto:tallen@hrrc-ch.org">tallen@hrrc-ch.org</a>	(216) 381-6100 ext. 11
<b>Federal IRS Tax Exempt No:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
23-7131204	June 10, 2024

## 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):**

After 2008 homeowners lost equity, often in combination with credit issues, and many Cuyahoga County homeowners found themselves unable to obtain the necessary financing to maintain and repair their older homes. When they cannot access credit for home maintenance and repair, it often means that the work does not get done, and the condition and value of the home deteriorates, often rapidly. The effect of this deterioration is broad – even one deteriorated home on a block can depress neighborhood values, discourage investment, and undermine the stability of a neighborhood.

Through collaboration with Cuyahoga County’s Department of Development, Home Repair Resource Center (HRRC) expanded the successful Challenge Fund Loan Guarantee Program to homeowners throughout Cuyahoga County. For more than fifty years, HRRC used this program to guarantee over 1000 loans for homeowners in Cleveland Heights who were deemed too great a credit risk by local banks. The vast majority performed and have been successfully repaid – the program boasted a success rate more than 94%. HRRC’s guarantee served as a mechanism for the program and its success, but it is not the reason for that success. Participating homeowners receive an intensive set of housing counseling and project support services for their home repair and our team works closely with each prospective loan recipient on budgeting, prioritizing repair needs, developing repair specifications, preparing them to interview contractors, and serving as a resource throughout the entire process.

The Challenge Fund Loan Program sunset in 2022 and KeyBank rolled out the new KeyCares loan home repair product, adhering to one of the commitments they made after receiving the County’s depository contract. The KeyCares loan program was expected to mirror the Challenge Fund by allowing uncreditworthy homeowners access to home repair financing, but the program in its new iteration, used the same criteria to qualify homeowners for home equity line of credit products (HELOC). Eligibility requirements were far more stringent, and high interest rates, comparable to those from auto or title loan companies, were in place due to the lack of security interest in the property. Cuyahoga County awarded HRRC a contract providing funds for program administration and capacity growth. Cuyahoga County provided funds for the loan loss guarantee pool used if loans defaulted. After learning the KeyCares loan program was not ideal by any means, Councilpersons Stephens, Turner, and Jones committed ARPA funds for grants to help supplement the cost of the now high-cost loan terms and payments, and to leverage their investment in their districts.

The program launched to much fanfare by housing stakeholders that understood the product was not ideal but offered homeowners another “tool in the toolbox” to help finance critical home repairs. HRRC worked with KeyBank in trying to promote the product at branches and educate staff, so they were prepared to assist inquiring homeowners, but to date, the program closed only 5 loans. In 2024, the Department of Development (now the Department of Housing and Community Development, led by director Sara Parks Jackson) terminated the contract with KeyBank rescinding funds earmarked for defaulted loans and returned grant funds to councilpersons that contributed to the write down loan fees.

HRRC is requesting \$300,000 for program administration costs and grant funds to support a Home Maintenance and Repair Program for homeowners in Cuyahoga County District 10. The program seeks to provide critical home repair grants strategically and intentionally throughout the district and address the housing health and safety needs of homeowners, help maintain or improve the housings values, and prevent further slum and blight that still exists throughout the district.

The scope of the Home Maintenance and Repair Program is to provide grants to income eligible, owner-occupied homeowners in Cuyahoga County District 10. Using data from the 2024 property assessment conducted by the Western Reserve Land Conservancy, HRRC in collaboration with the City of Cleveland Heights, East Cleveland and Cleveland will assess a structure’s needs and work with a homeowner to prioritize repairs and provide them with comprehensive technical assistance to complete the project. Homeowners in need of repairs are given personalized guidance throughout the application process and learn valuable skills like how to hire a contractor with the emphasis on obtaining more than one estimate for repairs to compare “apples to apples”. This is a powerful tool in empowering the client to be able to tackle future repairs and prioritize their finances for them.

**Project Start Date:**  
October 1, 2024

**Project End Date:**  
October 31, 2026

**IMPACT OF PROJECT:**

**Who will be served:**

Homeowners whose income level is below at or below 120% AMI and seeking health and safety deemed repairs for their home. Homeowners must be current on their mortgage, property taxes, and have a valid homeowners insurance policy.

**How many people will be served annually:** The Home Repair and Maintenance Program seeks to assist at least 50 homeowners during the grant term. Some repairs may not exceed the grant amount, and we may have funds to fund more projects. Funding projects depends on the season, but we anticipate all funds will be spent prior to the

**Will low/moderate income people be served; if so how:** HRRC is a CDBG recipient and 51% of the clients we serve must be at or below 80% LMI. HRRC verifies applicant's income by requesting income documents dating back two years.

**How does the project fit with the community and with other ongoing projects:** Home Repair Resource Center has provided our community with home repair solutions for over fifty years. The housing stock in our region is aging and it is crucial homeowners have a multitude of resources that assist them with protecting one of their most valuable assets-their home. Municipalities across Cuyahoga County are responding to the need for home repair programs that offer a financial benefit since equity values and other factors hinder their ability receive financing. The grant program proposed aligns with several programs throughout the district and funds may be layered to achieve the maximum benefit for the homeowner. When programs are successful and funded through once in a lifetime funding opportunities, governments and administrations may be more inclined to fund them in the future.

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

HRRC plans to hire one additional staff member to assist in program administration. HRRC plans to keep staff after grant period is complete.

**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:** It is our hope that local financial and philanthropic entities will become more involved and respond to the markets needs by making products that combine grants, financing and education. HRRC educates homeowners for the next repair, so they have the knowledge to navigate the process.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

**Total Budget of Project:**

**2 Year Budget Projected: \$380,000**

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

**Cleveland Heights ARPA Funding (Projected): \$50,000**

**Cleveland Heights CDBG Funding: \$20,000**

**University Heights: \$10,000**

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

**\$100,000 Program Administration/Capacity Building (staff for both years)**

**\$200,000 Grant Funds**

**Since these are one-time dollars, how will the Project be sustained moving forward: Many of the municipalities in County District 10 are deploying home repair programs aimed at supporting homeowners throughout the region. We aim to layer this benefit to maximize a homeowners benefit and to provide a complete and sustainable repair.**

**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.

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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:**

TIKEBOHA ALLEN

**Signature:**



**Date:**

JUNE 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Additional Documents**



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

**Outcomes**

Final outcomes for Home Maintenance and Repair Program are as follows:

- Homeowners receive critical home repairs that preserve, strengthen, and improve the quality of the housing stock in Cuyahoga County's District 10. (house does not further deteriorate due to a lack of maintenance)
  - At minimum, 50 homeowners will receive grant funding to complete home repairs.
- Through collaboration, HRRC and housing departments located in Cuyahoga County District 10 will strategically identify areas throughout the district where critical home repair are needed, and perhaps has been neglected over time.

**Tracking and Reporting**

HRRC maintains its records in accordance with HUD-approved, Federal Government guidelines and submits timely reports monthly.

- 100% demographic data will be tracked and available monthly.

**Evaluation Plan**

HRRC utilizes both formal evaluation forms and informal feedback from program participants to measure effectiveness of services provided. HRRC will evaluate the Home Maintenance and Repair Program to make sure resources are being used as efficiently and effectively as possible. HRRC understands the scarcity of resources and will review the program frequently to gauge the community impact on identified needs. This evaluation will be achieved by data analysis and project review on an individual basis. Adjustments will be made as necessary.

**Project Management**

The project will be managed by a three-tier process. Intake and project implementation will be managed by HRRC staff. This staff person will assist homeowners to complete application, bid reviews, oversee contractor selection, and monitor work while in progress. Upon completion, the client file will be reviewed by the HRRC staff for signature of approval and release of grant funds. The *bookkeeper* will then process payment to the designated contractor. The Executive Director will oversee the entire program and serve as the 'Court of Last Resort' if needed to address any potential risks or problems with projects.

**Project Control**

To implement the Home Maintenance and Repair Program HRRC will require:

- Staff time – program coordinator will work with clients one-on-one from the first informational session through the repair completion to contractor payments.
- Community resources – HRRC will continue to provide additional resources or serve as a referral source to provide clients with other financing resources if needed.
- Resource Library – A invaluable resource of information about repairs and community-provided contractor evaluations to promote homeowner empowerment.
- Funding – Grant funds provided through this partnership to cover costs to provide repair services and HRRC's administrative costs.
- Monitoring – Program budget will be reviewed to confirm funds are available prior to client acceptance. Funds will be allocated to that client's repair until project completion.

**Project Reporting**

HRRC will provide a monthly program performance report which will include the following:

- Total number of received applications – approved/denied.
- Total number of clients/units serviced.
- Type of service rendered.
- Identify additional financial assistance, if needed
- Designated contractor
- Cost of project
- Client demographic information such as: income, race, gender, senior citizen, community of residence, etc.

The demographic data will be collected through the initial application phase. The reports will contain cumulative data to show monthly progress as well as year-to-date. HRRC will keep detailed, accurate, and complete files. Client files will be locked in file cabinets as HRRC is a HUD approved counseling agency and must follow HUD rules and regulations for file maintenance.