



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH 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 SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 MEETING** [See Page 3]
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
 - a) R2024-0307: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to Smart Development, Inc. for the Community First Program from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 8]
 - b) R2024-0346: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the B-Buzz Baseball League for new baseball equipment from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 17]

- c) R2024-0347: A Resolution amending the award made pursuant to R2022-0170 to authorize the City of Richmond Heights to use the remaining balance of \$87,500, for the purpose of the Greenwood Farm Gazebo Project from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 41]

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
9:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Stephens called the meeting to order at 9:09 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 member Simon arrived after the roll call was taken. Committee member Jones was absent. Councilmember Miller was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 22, 2024 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Stephens, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2024 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2024-0305: A Resolution making an award on RQ13032 with various providers in the total amount not-to-exceed \$7,640,000.00 for banking services for the period 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2028; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contracts and all other documents consistent

with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Contract No. 4645 with Keybank National Association in the amount not-to-exceed \$4,600,000.00.
- 2) Contract No. 4646 with Huntington National Bank in the amount not-to-exceed \$400,000.00.
- 3) Contract No. 4647 with PNC Bank National Association in the amount not-to-exceed \$320,000.00.
- 4) Contract No. 4648 with U.S. Bank National Association in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,320,000.00.

Ms. Katie Gallagher, Chief of Operations, Community Innovation for the Executive's Office, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0305. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmember asked questions of Ms. Gallagher pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

Ms. Carrie Carpenter, Regional Director of Community Philanthropy and Engagement and Ms. Staci Glenn-Short, Community Development Program Director and Community Reinvestment Act Officer for Huntington National Bank; Ms. Shanelle Smith Whigham, Senior Vice President and National Community Engagement Director for KeyBank National Association; Mr. Kevin Grobelny, Senior Vice President & Managing Director – Public Finance for PNC Bank National Association; and Mr. Jeff Spetrino, Senior Vice President, Government Relationship Manager for U.S. Bank National Association, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0305. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmember asked questions of Ms. Carpenter, Ms. Glenn-Short, Ms. Smith Whigham, Mr. Grobelny and Mr. Spetrino pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Mr. Nate Hall, Assistant Law Director for the Department of Law introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2024-0305. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Kelly and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2024-0305 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading, as substituted.

- b) R2024-0307: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to Smart Development, Inc. for the Community First Program from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**This item was held as the provider was unable to attend the meeting.
There was no legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2024-0307.**

- c) R2024-0308: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$40,000, to the Building & Leveraging Opportunities Foundation for property rehabilitation from Districts 3, 7 and 9 ARPA Community Grant Funds; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Terrell Pruitt, Board Member for the Building & Leveraging Opportunities Foundation, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0308. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmember asked questions of Mr. Pruitt pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Kelly, Resolution No. R2024-0308 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- d) R2024-0310: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to Wallstreet Nottingham Development Inc. for the New Headquarters and Residential Development Project from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Eugene Miller, Chairperson for Wallstreet Nottingham Development Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0310. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmember asked questions of Mr. Miller pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Kelly, Resolution No. R2024-0310 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- e) R2024-0311: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$100,000, to the City of Maple Heights for the purchase of property located at 5391 Lee Road from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

The Honorable Annette Blackwell, Mayor of the City of Maple Heights, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0311. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmember asked questions of Mayor Blackwell pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2024-0311 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- f) R2024-0314: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$50,000, to the Karamu House for the Next Generation Capital Improvement Project from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Tony Sias, President and Chief Executive Officer of Karamu House, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0314. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmember asked questions of Mr. Sias pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Kelly, Resolution No. R2024-0314 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- g) O2024-0009: An Ordinance amending Sections 106.04, 701.07, 714.01, 714.02, and Chapters 807 and 809 of the County Code to properly align the roles and responsibilities of the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Department of Development; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Mr. Greg Huth, Assistant Law Director, Senior Counsel for the Department of Law, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2024-0009. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmember asked questions of Mr. Huth pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Kelly, Ordinance No. O2024-0009 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 10:16 a.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2024-0307

Sponsored by: Councilmember Sweeney	A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to Smart Development, Inc. for the Community First Program from the District 3 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 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund in the amount of \$20,000 to Smart Development, Inc. for the Community First Program; and

WHEREAS, Smart Development, Inc. estimates approximately 4,400 people will be served annually through this award; and

WHEREAS, Smart Development, Inc. estimates approximately 19 permanent and temporary jobs will be created or retained through this project; and

WHEREAS, Smart Development, Inc. estimates the total cost of the project is \$693,500; and

WHEREAS, Smart Development, Inc. indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes:

- A. Cleveland Foundation (Anticipated) \$60,000

- B. Dollar General Literacy Foundation (Secured) \$10,000
- C. The George Gund Foundation (Secured) \$75,000
- D. Islamic Relief USA (secured) \$8,000
- E. Third Federal Foundation (Secured) \$5,000
- F. Thomas H White Foundation (Secured) \$20,000
- G. Abington Foundation (Secured) \$25,000
- H. Bruening Foundation (Anticipated) \$30,000
- I. Union Home Mortgage Foundation (Secured) \$2,500
- J. McGregor Foundation (Secured) \$20,000
- K. Andrew's Foundation (Anticipated) \$10,000
- L. Westfield Insurance Foundation (Secured) \$75,000
- M. Thacher Family Fund (Secured) \$2,500
- N. Caresource Foundation (Anticipated) \$5,000
- O. Community West Foundation (Secured) \$35,000; and

WHEREAS, Smart Development, Inc. is estimating the start date of the project will be January 2024 and the project will be completed by January 2025; and

WHEREAS, Smart Development, Inc. requested \$20,000 from the District 3 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 Smart Development, Inc. 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 Smart Development, Inc. from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the Community First Program.

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: September 10, 2024

Committee(s) Assigned: Community Development

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Cuyahoga County Council

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COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION:	
Name of Requesting Entity (City, Business, Non-Profit, etc.):	
Smart Development, Inc. 501c3 Not for Profit Corporation	
Address of Requesting Entity:	
3538 W 140th Street, Cleveland, OH 44111	
County Council District # of Requesting Entity:	
Organization is located within County Council District 2, but is requesting from County Council District 3	
Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity:	
County Council District # of Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity:	
Contact Name of Person Filling out This Request:	
Melaak Rashid, Development Director of Smart Development, Inc.	
Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity:	
3538 W 140th Street, Cleveland, OH 44111	
Email:	Phone:
Melaak@smartdevelopmentinc.org	216-309-0833
Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.:	Date:
82-4991900	8/19/2024

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):

Smart Development Inc. operates and serves the Northeast Ohio proudly, with an emphasis on serving very low to moderately low individuals and families who are Newcomers of Cuyahoga County. Smart Development Inc works to enhance the social safety net and expansion of opportunities for at-need families to grow roots and lead toward pathways of self-sufficiency and being a trusted-voice for the international community. Formally established in 2017, Smart Development's provides case management services that build access to opportunity and pathways of social workforce, and broad stability to individuals and families in underserved communities particularly to those who are low-income, of color, immigrant, refugee, and similar. Our main objective from inception was to not only bring more attention to the needs of the underrepresented and underserved communities in need, but to provide critical support/solutions to the lack of access to resources they face and work toward closing the gap of access to affordable housing and workforce opportunities while revitalizing the neighborhoods they live in to be safer communities of choice. Comprised of refugee and immigrants and children of immigrants, Smart Development prides itself of being a leading organization within the community improvement and social service that provides culturally competent services with needed language assistance to ensure equitable community support.

Smart Development's Community First Program serves all in need- providing critical safety net services to households and individuals. In 2023, Smart Development provided 944 households with culturally relevant food boxes that have to support families and individuals in need of additional food. In terms of financial support, Smart Development provided 76,000 in emergency financial support- this included: emergency rent, utility, food gift cards, debt collection, and similar expenses to remove financial burdens off low income households. In addition, Smart Development donated a total of 4,894 items such as couches, dressers, dining room sets, appliances, clothing, home goods baby items, formula, diapers, toys, toiletries, and similar essentials. Further in 2023, Smart Development provided 42 senior households with free-minor home repairs that ensured their exterior and interior home was safe to live in such as ramps, storm doors, gutters, HVAC, and plumbing repair. Smart Development also rehabilitated 7 homes and sold them to first-time homebuyers, provided 53 individuals first-time homebuyer counseling, and made over 900 referrals to community partners to ensure individuals and families are further connected to critical community resources. The successes seen in 2023 are continuing in 2024 and will continue beyond 2024 due to the growing need of support seen across Cuyahoga County among low-income and marginalized communities'. Particularly the donations provided to the community that fill a critical gap as families and individuals do not have the income to purchase essentials for their families and households. Smart Development works with Good360 International, a nonprofit that provides other nonprofit partners such as Smart Development discounted opportunities to purchase in bulk/truckloads of items that are to then be donated to the community. Items encompass: furniture, appliances, baby items, clothing, toys, kitchenware, bathroom essentials, toiletries, hygiene products, and beyond. Monthly donation drives are held at our facility to provide a way for all individuals to get critical items they otherwise cannot afford. Direct donation drop off is also provided to individuals who do not have transportation. Annually, Community First serves over 3,000 individuals providing critical resources, donations, and supportive services with added language assistance as needed by community members who have language barriers.

The timeline for this is on-going, as the services are provided on a regular/daily basis. Currently, Smart Development has a staff of 13 who cover all areas of service in social/human service, health, housing, basic needs, and case management.

Project Start Date:

01/01/2024

Project End Date:

01/01/2025

IMPACT OF PROJECT:

Who will be served:

Smart Development anticipates at the end of 2024, roughly 4,400 unique residents of Cuyahoga County will be served

How many people will be served annually:

Annually, Smart Development serves over 4,000 unique individuals across Cuyahoga County. In 2023, Smart Development served 4,368 individuals across the county.

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

Yes, very low to moderate income individuals and households will be served. Smart Development given the nature of the services and programs provided serves individuals who require varying degrees of support to ensure their basic needs and social safety net is provided for. Individuals who are very low to moderate income will be prioritized through our intake process, to which is required when all individuals seek any service from Smart Development staff.

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

Cuyahoga County on-going efforts to address socioeconomic disparities seen among residents, especially among communities of color. Cuyahoga County recently opened the Welcome Center, a facility to which can aid in supporting the Newcomer community in connecting to workforce and other social service needs while also creating a way to connect with JFS. We believe Smart Development supports the ongoing work of the County to support individuals and families by meeting them where they are and providing direct support.

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

In 2023, Smart Development did help place 561 individuals into full and or part time employment. The goal for 2024 is to place at least 580 individuals into full and or part time employment. Sectors to which are common include: healthcare, manufacturing, hospitality, customer service, and service industry broadly.

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

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

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Total Budget of Project:

\$693,500.00 is Community First Program budget

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

Cleveland Foundation (Anticipated) \$60,000
Dollar General Literacy Foundation (Secured) \$10,000
The George Gund Foundation (Secured) \$75,000
Islamic Relief USA (secured) \$8,000
Third Federal Foundation (Secured) \$5,000
Thomas H White Foundation (Secured) \$20,000
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McGregor Foundation (Secured) \$20,000
Andrew's Foundation (Anticipated) \$10,000
Westfield Insurance Foundation (Secured) \$75,000
Thacher Family Fund (Secured) \$2,500
Caresource Foundation (Anticipated) \$5,000
Community West Foundation (Secured) \$35,000

Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars:

\$20,000.00

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

The programs and services of Smart Development will be sustained moving forward through diverse revenue streams. Currently, Smart Development does generate revenue through foundation grants, individual donations, sponsorships, as well as fee for service revenue and contractual revenue generated from services provided to other nonprofit organizations and corporate partners who work with Smart Development in our staff providing administrative support and language translation services.

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:

Melaak Rashid

Signature:



Date:

08/19/2024

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. R2024-0346

Sponsored by: Councilmember Turner	A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the B-Buzz Baseball League for new baseball equipment 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 B-Buzz Baseball League for new baseball equipment; and

WHEREAS, the B-Buzz Baseball League estimates the total cost of the project is \$63,250; and

WHEREAS, the B-Buzz Baseball League indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes \$8,000 from the Cleveland Guardians and \$6,000 from the Coleman Spohn Corp; and

WHEREAS, the B-Buzz Baseball League is estimating the start date of the project will be April 2025 and the project will be completed by August 2025; and

WHEREAS, the B-Buzz Baseball League requested \$64,000 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 B-Buzz Baseball League 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 B-Buzz Baseball League from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for new baseball equipment.

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: September 24, 2024

Committee(s) Assigned: Community Development

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Cuyahoga County Council

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COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION:	
Name of Requesting Entity (City, Business, Non-Profit, etc.): B-BUZZ BASEBALL LEAGUE	
Address of Requesting Entity: 3146 Ludlow RD. SHAKER HTS OHIO 44120	
County Council District # of Requesting Entity: DISTRICT # 9	
Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity:	
County Council District # of Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity:	
Address of Entity/Person Filling out This Request: WENDELL H. FIELDS	
Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity: 4086 EAST 153 RD CHEV. OHIO 44128	
Email: BBUZZBASEBALL@Gmail.Com	Phone: 216-712-2721
Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.: 38-402-3948	Date: 8-29-24

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):

NEW BASEBALL EQUIPMENT: 30 BATS, HELMETS, BALLS, UNIFORMS, SHIRTS, PANTS, SOCKS, HATS, SAFETY CUPS, BASES, 40 RUBBER BASES, 2 PITCHING MACHINES, 2 GENERATORS, 15 EQUIPMENT BAGS
15 (10 GALLON) GATORADE CONTAINER COOKERS, 5 WATER COOKER TRAILERS, GATORADE DRINKS (175 GAL)
SCOREBOOKS (20) FIRST AID KITS (20) UMPIRE FEES - \$2,000 - \$2,500 LEAGUE FEES, BELTS, SAFETY + SECURITY FOR FAMILIES.

Project Start Date:

4-5-2025

Project End Date:

8-9-2025

IMPACT OF PROJECT:

Who will be served: YOUTH IN THE COMMUNITY (4-16 YEARS)
PARENTS + GUARDIANS

How many people will be served annually: CITIES: BEDFORD, BEDFORD HTS, CLEVELAND WARD 1, 2+4, HIGHLAND HILLS, NORTH RANDALL, ORANGE, PEPPER PIKE, SHAKER HTS, WARRENSVILLE HTS, WOOD MEDE VILLAGE

Will low/moderate income people be served; if so how: YES — BY PROVIDING A SAFE + FUN ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL YOUTH TO PARTICIPATE + GROW WHILE LEARNING THE GAME OF BASEBALL. BY BRINGING FAMILIES TOGETHER IN A SAFE SPACE WHERE THEY CAN SUPPORT THEIR CHILDRENS DESIRE TO LEARN ETHICS LEADERSHIP + SPORTSMANSHIP.

How does the project fit with the community and with other ongoing projects: MENTORSHIP WITH CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY — PHEBE FOUNDATION FOR FINANCIAL LITERACY WHO ASSIST W/ FINANCIAL GUIDENCE. WE ALSO ASSIST WITH OPENING BANK ACCOUTS FOR OLDER PLAYERS

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

Address any environmental issues or benefits will there be:
N/A

If applicable, how does this project serve as a catalyst for future initiatives:
WE STRIVE TO PROVIDE SAFE + UP TO DATE BASEBALL PLAYING ENVIRONMENT FOR OVER 200 PLAYERS IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY. THIS PROJECT WILL SERVE OUR PLAYERS FOR YEARS TO COME.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Total Budget of Project:

APPROX.
\$ 63,250 —

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

CLEVELAND GUARDIANS — \$8,000 (yearly)

COHEMAN SPORN CORP — \$6,000 (yearly)

Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars:

\$ 64,000 —

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

FUNDRAISERS — ACTIONS

GRANTS APPLICATIONS

SOLICITATIONS — SMALL + LARGE DONORS

MARKETING + SOCIAL MEDIA — WORD OF MOUTH

DISCLAIMER INFORMATION AND SIGNATURE:

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Printed Name:

WENDELL H. FIELDS

Signature:

Wendell H. Fields

Date:

Additional Documents

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

SEE BOOKLET EXHIBIT A.

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Mission Statement

Our mission is to promote self-performance improvement through athletic fundamentals, teamwork, leadership, self-discipline, integrity, and sportsmanship all while enjoying the game of baseball. Our main purpose is to use baseball as a vehicle to foster positive character development, academic achievement, and improve the health among the youth living in our community.

We strive to produce superior citizens rather than superior athletes.

Vision Statement

B-Buzz Baseball League's vision for the 21st century is a state-of-the-art youth baseball complex designed to fulfill the league's mission and bring the community together through the sport of baseball.



About Our Executive Director

Wendell H. Fields has a love for the game of baseball that began in 1973 when he first stepped onto a baseball diamond at the age of nine years old and he has continued to play the game every summer ever since. He has just completed his 51st season of personally playing the game he so loves in 2024 and does not show any signs of slowing down.

Wendell's desire to reactivate the league that taught him so many life skills has driven him to form the new B Buzz Baseball League as a 501c3 nonprofit organization. The successful partnerships that Wendell has created with community agencies and businesses have strengthened the league's programming which has created a greater impact for today's youth. These relationships have opened the doors to scholarship opportunities for many of our players and thus creating brighter educational futures for them as well. Wendell has currently served as the league's Executive Director/Commissioner for the last 11 years and organizes all the leagues activities which include, scheduling of games, uniform distribution, team equipment, maintenance/ field permits, structuring team practices, player/coaches training, sponsorships, and community activities each of those years. Simultaneously, Wendell managed to grow the leagues enrollment from 16 players in 2013 to a record breaking 198 players in 2024 all while in a pandemic across the country just a few years ago.

Wendell is the former Director of Marketing/Drug Treatment Counselor for Key Decisions/Positive Choices Drug Treatment Program in Downtown Cleveland and currently serves as Community Resource Manager @ Families First Health Services in Independence, Ohio. Wendell attended Kent State University in the early 1980's with plans to further his education by completing a master's degree in clinical Mental Health and his goal is to further his work with the Mental Health and Substance Abuse population in our communities wherever possible.

Wendell is very passionate about baseball and mental health and truly wants to educate the youth about the dangers of substance abuse and the negative effects it can have on their lives and how Self-Help Therapy can provide the tool some may need to maintain a healthy and productive life.





History of B Buzz Baseball League

Founded in the late 1950's, B-Buzz Baseball League was an integral part of many young men's lives in the Lee-Harvard community. Fast forward to 1969 – Lee-Harvard's rapid transformation to a predominantly African American middle-class neighborhood prompted a group of parents and community members to continue the league long after its original participants moved away. For more than 15 years after relocating to Charles W. Eliot fields in 1969, five age divisions comprised of young men ages 8 to 17, played baseball almost every day during the summer months. At one time, close to 400 youth participated in B-Buzz Baseball League each summer which produced quite a few notable Cleveland citizens in the process.

By the early 1980s, the league started to dissolve and the young men that played were well on their way to becoming community leaders, professional athletes, and successful businessmen themselves.

In 2013, after over 30 years of absence from the ballpark, a newly formed Board of Directors consisting of former alumni decided to re-establish the B Buzz Baseball League, thus creating it as a 501c3 non-profit organization. Wendell Fields and the board built the league with the same integrity, character, and virtue that they were provided during their youth.

The goal is to resurrect the game of baseball for the youth of the Lee Harvard/Miles and surrounding communities just as it was in the past.



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In 2013 through 2015 we registered 16-24 players in each of those years, in 2016 we introduced our first Tee-Ball age division and registered a total of 52 players within our two age divisions.

Our staff was so determined and dedicated to continuing our growth and in 2021 we registered over 122 players and created 10 teams in 3 different age brackets.

Having just completed our 2024 season where we enrolled 198 players, and having just opened our 2025 registration, we are hoping to enroll even more. Currently we have 5 different age brackets which includes 1 travel team sponsored by Lonnie Coleman of Coleman Spohn Corporation and by 2027, we are forecasting 350 + players registered each summer along with joining Little League International.

With that being said, the current playing conditions of our home fields (Kerruish Park) and the other available baseball fields on Cleveland's southeast side have improved a bit, but still fall well short of the needed field conditions for true player safety and development. When you add in the unstable weather conditions in Northeast Ohio, the result is many games being cancelled, rescheduled, or not played at all year after year.

Our Board of Directors has approved and proposed to build a state-of-the-art baseball complex with the help of various funding sources to be completed by 2026/2027 with 4 AstroTurf ballfields.

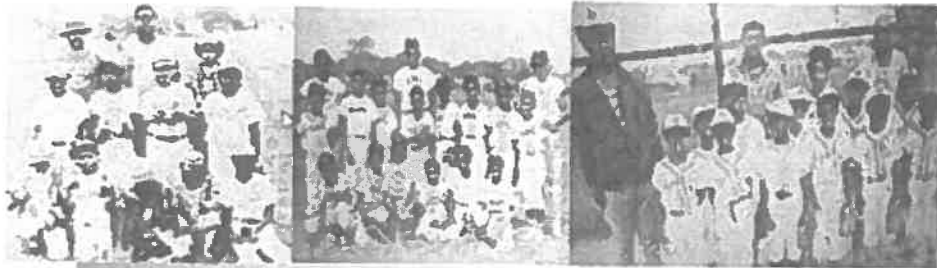
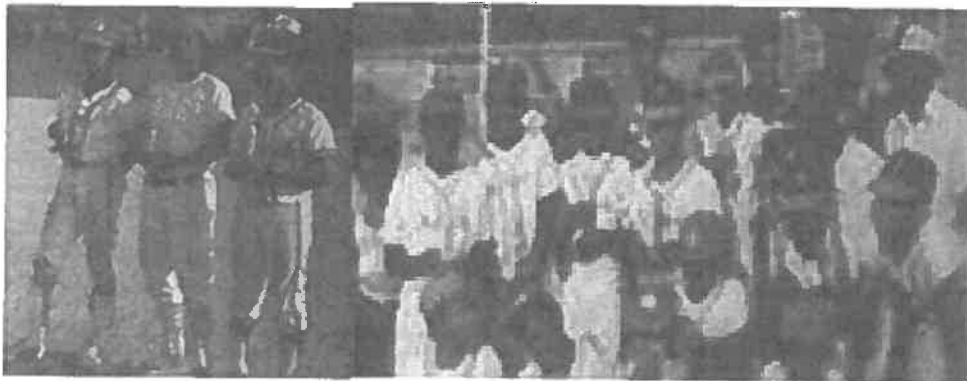
(Age Appropriate) which would avoid the game cancellations we experience, allow our season to begin a month earlier and this would keep our young adults engaged that much longer during the summer months all while providing a safe space and proper adequate playing conditions for years to come.

Along with the ballfields, we are also looking to construct a two-story modular structure that will house our field maintenance/team equipment, restrooms, concession stand, indoor batting cages, weight conditioning, fielding training areas and outdoor fitness zone, but most importantly, this structure will give our educational/social resource partners the classroom and activity space they need to provide their complimentary services for our players and their families, all while enclosed behind a 15-foot-high gated off fenced in area to provide the safety and security needed for everyone.



B Buzz Baseball League

"Back in the Day"



B Buzz Baseball League

“Notable Alumni”



- Mayor Ben Holbert (Woodmere Village)**
Zack Reed (Former Cleveland City Councilman)
Roosevelt Leftwich (Fox 8 News Anchor)
Kevin Heard (Call and Post Newspaper Editor)
Ken Ferguson (Karate Master Black Belt/Pan Am Games Gold Medalist)
Desmond Howard (Heisman Trophy Award/Superbowl MVP/ESPN GameDay)
John Barnes Jr. (Former Ohio State Representative)
Dr. Dale Kates (Premier Smiles Dentistry)
Tommy Roper (Cleveland Police Detective)
And many more.....



B Buzz Baseball League

New Youth Baseball-Resource Complex

The B Buzz Baseball League is excited to have re-established itself since 2013 and is very proud to be entering our 12th season serving the youth in our community and are super excited about the growth that we have experienced thus far. Originally founded in the late 1950's as previously stated, this national pastime league has been uniting the youth, the families and the community for quite a number of years in the Lee Harvard/Miles area.

As a non-profit (501c3) organization we are proud to be a part of a sports tradition that enriches its community and enhances its youth in many ways.

However, we are not just a sports league, we are so much more, and we are eager to share with you B Buzz Baseball League's future plans.

Our Board of Directors continues to work tirelessly to fundraise for our new state of the art baseball complex that will be our new home in 2026/2027. Once again, this year-round facility will host batting cages, weight training rooms, a second-floor classrooms for players and resource partners, outdoor fitness zone (Trust for Public Land), concession stands and restrooms with all the bells and whistles of a big-league ballpark.

We are on a mission to empower our youth through baseball, academic and social opportunities to be the leaders of tomorrow.



B Buzz Baseball League

New Complex Benefits

Community facility for baseball/softball and healthy activities

Longer baseball playing season for league games

Off-season workout space to keep players/families engaged

Safe space for players/families

Environment that further educates in many developmental topics' addition to baseball

Social/economic resources available for parents

Training and teaching environment for life development skills

Nationwide youth tournaments hosted/economic growth

PlayBall CLE/MLB-RBI/PCA Skills & Drills Training



Good Morning America
GMA





TV News & Radio Segments

WKYC TV- 3 - (Leon Bibb / Chris Webb)

<https://www.wkyc.com/video/news/local/cleveland/b-buzz-youth-baseball-shaping-generations-in-clevelands-lee-harvard-neighborhood/95-0d373c57-c7c9-4569-9ae1-b2d54a9509de?jwsource=cl>

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Fox 8 News - TV - (Roosevelt Leftwich)

www.facebook.com/www.bbuzzbassball.org/videos/708291009322051

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WEWS TV - 5 - (Moreen Bailey Frater)

W010 TV - 19/43 - (Harry Boomer)

Chill Talk Radio 93 FM - (Kevin "Chill" Heard)

No Static Internet Radio - (Jeff Doggart) Voice it Internet Radio - (Larry Gardner)



B Buzz Baseball League

Yearly Schedule of Events

January – April (In School Gym/Recess Classes)

February – May (Online Registration Open - Street Signs Placed in Community)

April (Four Saturday's - In Person Player Registration)

May (1st Saturday's) (Players Pro Day/Player's Drafted by Coaches)

May (All Teams Practice)

Memorial Day Weekend (Opening Day Ceremony & Parade)

June - July (Season Games Played)

August (Awards Day Ceremony/ Annual Alumni Reunion Softball Game)

September – March (Off Season Partner Resource Events & Baseball Skill's & Drills Training)



Future Growth Projections

2025.....18 Teams

2026.....26 Teams

2027.....30 Teams

****Average 15 players per team****

****Tee Ball 10 players per team****



Annual Player Awards

70 Year Tradition

Most Valuable Player

Batting Champion

Defensive Champion

Most Improved Player

Sportsmanship Award

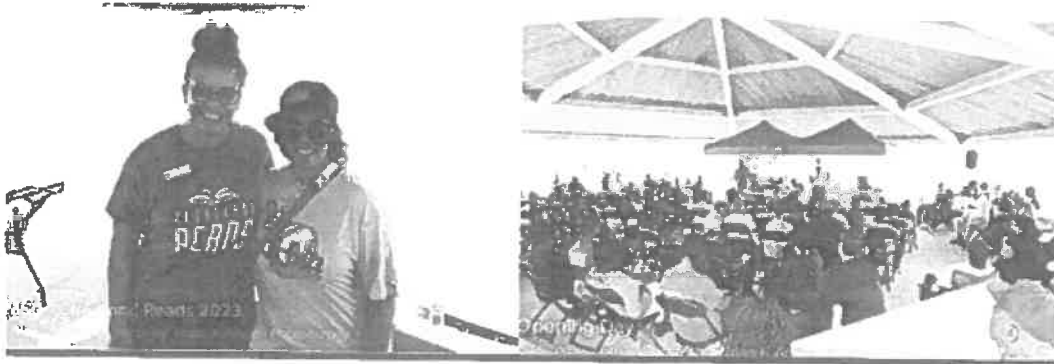
(*5 players from each team are selected*)



2024 Player Awards Presented by Ms. BernNadette Stanis

2023 & 2024

Cleveland Reads



Annual B Buzz vs St Henry's Reunion Softball Game



Cleveland Guardians

Owners / Players & Slider



County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2024-0347

Sponsored by: Councilmember Simon	A Resolution amending the award made pursuant to R2022-0170 to authorize the City of Richmond Heights to use the remaining balance of \$87,500, for the purpose of the Greenwood Farm Gazebo Project from the District 11 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, on August 2, 2022, the Council approved R2022-0170 awarding \$100,000 to the City of Richmond Heights for the purpose of replacing the porch at the Greenwood Farm Community Park farmhouse; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond Height has requested to amend the award made pursuant to R2022-0170 to use of the remaining unspent balance of \$87,500 for the Greenwood Farm Gazebo Project; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund in the amount of \$87,500 to the City of Richmond Heights for the Greenwood Farm Gazebo Project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond Heights estimates the total cost of the Greenwood Farm Gazebo Project is \$200,000; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond Heights indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes:

- A. \$50,000 from Cuyahoga County CDSG Grant;
- B. \$50,000 from Ohio Capital Improvement Grant; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond Heights is estimating the start date of the project will be September 2023 and the project will be completed by March 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond Heights requested \$87,500 from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund to complete this project; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding in the amount of \$87,500 to the City of Richmond Heights 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 amends the award made pursuant to R2022-0170 to authorize the City of Richmond Heights to use the remaining balance of \$87,500 from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the Greenwood Farm Gazebo 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 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: September 24, 2024
Committee(s) Assigned: Community Development

Journal _____
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Cuyahoga County Council

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COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION:	
Name of Requesting Entity (City, Business, Non-Profit, etc.): City of Richmond Heights	
Address of Requesting Entity: 26789 Highland Rd. Richmond Heights, OH 44143	
County Council District # of Requesting Entity: 11	
Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity: 264 Richmond Road Richmond Heights	
County Council District # of Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity: 11	
Contact Name of Person Filling out This Request: Rachel Gardiner	
Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity: 26789 Highland Rd. Richmond Heights, OH 44143	
Email: rgardiner@richmondheightsohio.org	Phone: 216.486.2474
Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.: 34-0928475	Date: 7/11/2024

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):

The Richmond Heights Greenwood Farm Gazebo Project, located on the north side of Richmond Heights at 264 Richmond Rd, Richmond Heights, OH 44143, aims to serve as a versatile community space, providing shelter for various gatherings, events, and recreational activities.

The motivation behind this project stems from the current lack of a dedicated outdoor event space at Greenwood Farms Community Park and the specific need for communal infrastructure on the north side of Richmond Heights. This project perfectly aligns with the city's dedication to creating community-focused spaces, with the primary objective of establishing a hub for cultural, recreational, and social activities to enhance community cohesion.

What distinguishes this gazebo project is its innovative and transformative nature. It goes beyond merely addressing a practical need; it represents a commitment to creating a dedicated space that fosters community engagement and connection. Notably, it embraces an inclusive approach, with community input and collaboration integral to the design and planning phases. This ensures that the gazebo not only fulfills functional requirements but also resonates with the values and aspirations of the residents, thereby amplifying its transformative impact.

In essence, the gazebo project at Greenwood Farms Community Park is envisioned as more than just a physical structure; it stands as a transformative initiative that actively promotes community involvement and strengthens the social fabric of Richmond Heights.

Timeline: Currently, the City is in the construction document phase and hope to complete by March of 2025.

Project Start Date: 9/2023

Project End Date: 3/2025

IMPACT OF PROJECT:

Who will be served: The gazebo at Greenwood Farms will primarily serve the residents of Richmond Heights and the surrounding communities. With a focus on community engagement, the gazebo will cater to diverse individuals, including families, seniors, and young adults. Events hosted at the gazebo will foster a sense of unity and shared experiences among community members.

How many people will be served annually: The gazebo at Greenwood Farms will primarily serve the residents of Richmond Heights and the surrounding communities. With a focus on community engagement, the gazebo will cater to diverse individuals, including families, seniors, and young adults. Events hosted at the gazebo will foster a sense of unity and shared experiences among community members.

Will low/moderate income people be served; if so how: Yes, with a focus on community engagement, the gazebo will cater to diverse individuals, including families, seniors, and young adults. Events hosted at the gazebo will foster a sense of unity and shared experiences among community members.

How does the project fit with the community and with other ongoing projects: The construction of a gazebo at Greenwood Farms aligns seamlessly with the city's development strategy, providing a dedicated outdoor event space that complements existing amenities. This project will meet the community's immediate needs and catalyze broader growth, fostering a vibrant and engaged community in Richmond Heights.

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: The project will include sustainable design elements, promoting environmental stewardship, and education on the importance of preserving natural spaces.

If applicable, how does this project serve as a catalyst for future initiatives: Securing funding for the gazebo project will act as a catalyst for additional growth in several ways:

- **Enhanced Community Programming:** The gazebo will facilitate a diverse range of community events, including the annual Fall Funfest, Halloween events, recreational/wellness, music, and other outdoor activities. This will attract more residents and visitors to the park, stimulating increased community participation.
- **Economic Impact:** A vibrant park with enhanced facilities can attract local businesses and entrepreneurs interested in supporting or sponsoring events. This economic activity can contribute to the overall growth of the community.
- **Increased Property Values:** The addition of a gazebo and associated community events can enhance the overall appeal of the Richmond Heights neighborhood, potentially leading to increased property values and attracting new residents.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Total Budget of Project: \$200,000

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

2024 Cuyahoga County Supplemental Grant - \$50,000

2022 State of Ohio Capital Improvement Grant - \$50,000 ""

Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars: \$87,500''

The City initially allocated \$12,500 of the awarded \$100,000 for a feasibility study to assess the original scope of work, which focused on repairing the front porch of the Greenwood Farm Park house. Upon completion of the feasibility study, it was determined that the costs associated with repairing the front porch were prohibitively high. Given this finding, the scope of work was revised to focus on the gazebo project within Greenwood Farm Park. This decision was made to ensure that the allocated funds would be used in a manner that aligns with the City's goals while still addressing a need within the same general location. The \$12,500 previously expended on the feasibility study for the Greenwood Farm Park house will now be considered part of the overall investment in enhancing Greenwood Farm Park, with a shift in focus to the gazebo project.

Since these are one-time dollars, how will the Project be sustained moving forward: By combining community involvement, strategic partnerships, proactive funding, diligent maintenance, and dynamic programming, the City of Richmond Heights will sustain the gazebo project at Greenwood Farms Community Park, ensuring it serves as a cherished and functional community space for years to come.

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Printed Name: Rachel Gardiner

Signature:

Date: 9/03/24



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