



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING COMMITTEE
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
4th FLOOR

MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026—10:00 A.M.

Committee Members

Michael J. Houser, Sr., Chair | Dist. 10

Pernel Jones, Jr., Vice Chair | Dist. 8

Patrick Kelly | Dist. 1

Robert E. Schleper, Jr. | Dist. 6

Sunny M. Simon | Dist. 11

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2026 MEETING

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0285: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$5,000, to Downtown Cleveland, Inc. for the WinterLand 2026 Project from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- b) R2026-0286: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation for the purpose of Rip City Boxing Program from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Houser called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Houser asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Committee members Houser and Kelly were in attendance. Committee member Schleper was absent, and a quorum was not determined. In accordance with Rule 12F of the County Council Rules, Council President Miller appointed Councilmember Gallagher as a Member Pro Tem of the Community Development and Housing Committee. A quorum was established. Committee members Jones and Simon joined the meeting after the roll call was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2026 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0280: A Resolution making awards to various municipalities in the total amount not-to-exceed \$1,698,843.00 for various projects or programs in connection with the FY2027 Community Development Block Grant Program for the period 1/1/2027 – 12/31/2027; 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 Bedford in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Public Parking Expansion Project.
 - 2) City of Berea in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Kraft Street Improvement Project.

- 3) City of Brook Park in the amount not-to-exceed \$48,843.00 for Cavanaugh Park Playground Replacement Project.
- 4) City of Garfield Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Recreational Center Parking Lot Repair & Resurfacing Project.
- 5) City of Maple Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Maple Heights Boulevard Resurfacing Project.
- 6) City of Shaker Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Winslow Road Traffic Calming Project.
- 7) City of University Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Senior Home Repair Program.
- 8) City of Warrensville Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Green Road Park Public Safety, ADA Restroom & Facility Improvements Project.
- 9) Village of Brooklyn Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Brooklyn Heights Park ADA Lower Restroom Project.
- 10) Village of Newburgh Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Kathy Edwards Park Parking Lot Project.
- 11) Village of North Randall in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Residential Rehabilitation & Preservation Project.
- 12) Village of Oakwood in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Blackburn Road & Weber Park Drive Infrastructure Improvement Project.

Ms. Kellie Glenn, Administrator for the Department of Housing and Community Development, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0280.

Committee members had no questions for Ms. Glenn pertaining to the item.

On a motion by Mr. Kelly with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2026-0280 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

- b) R2026-0281: A Resolution making awards to various municipalities and agencies in the total amount not-to-exceed \$949,893.18 for various projects or programs in connection with the FY2027 Community Development Supplemental Grant Program for the period 2/1/2027 – 1/31/2028; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreements and contracts and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) City of Bay Village in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Bradley Park ADA-Accessible Path Addition & Rehabilitation.

- 2) City of Bedford in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Public Parking Expansion Project.
- 3) City of Berea in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for The Kraft Street Improvement Project.
- 4) City of Brooklyn in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Property Maintenance Program.
- 5) City of Euclid in the amount not-to-exceed \$49,893.18 for Mavec Park Sensory Playspace Expansion.
- 6) City of Garfield Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Exterior Home Repair Program.
- 7) City of Maple Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Exterior Home Repair Program.
- 8) City of Middleburg Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for ADA-Compliant Playground Equipment, Phase 2 City Hall Park.
- 9) City of University Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Sidewalk Repair Project.
- 10) City of Warrensville Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Green Road Park Public Safety, ADA Restroom & Facility Improvements.
- 11) Village of Brooklyn Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for ADA-Compliant Restroom Brooklyn Heights Lower Park.
- 12) Village of Highland Hills in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for ADA-Accessible Entrance to Community Room.
- 13) Village of Newburgh Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Park Improvements & Infrastructure Project.
- 14) Village of Oakwood in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Oakwood, Blackburn, Weber Park Infrastructure.
- 15) Village of Walton Hills in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Krick & Hannan Corridor Improvement.
- 16) Jefferson-Puritas Corporation in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for “More Alike than Different” Mural.
- 17) First Suburbs Consortium Development Council in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for First Suburbs Bungalow Initiative 2.0.
- 18) South Euclid Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Senior Landscaping & Snow Removal Program.

19) West Creek Conservancy in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Snow to Grantwood Connector Trail.

Chairman Houser introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2026-0281.

Ms. Cynthia Mason, Research and Policy Analyst for County Council, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0281, and stated that the proposed substitute will increase the allocation amount for grant funding and add (6) additional projects. Discussion ensued.

Committee member Kelly asked a question pertaining to the legislation, which Clerk Richardson answered accordingly.

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

On a motion by Mr. Kelly with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2026-0281 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council for passage under second reading suspension of the rules, as substituted.

Chairman Houser requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

- c) O2026-0011: An Ordinance amending Chapter 704 of the Cuyahoga County Code to repeal the "Maximum Base Funding" limitation on the amounts annually deposited in the County Land Reutilization Fund; and declaring the necessity that this O become immediately effective.

Mr. Ricardo León, President and Chief Executive Officer for the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2026-0011, and gave a brief history of the Cuyahoga County Land Bank. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. León pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Brad Cromes, County Treasurer, addressed the Committee regarding future revenues. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Cromes, which he answered accordingly. Discussion ensued.

There was no legislative action taken on Ordinance No. O2026-0011.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Houser adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2026-0285

Sponsored by: Councilmember Sweeney	A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$5,000, to Downtown Cleveland, Inc. for the WinterLand 2026 Project 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 \$5,000 to Downtown Cleveland, Inc. for the WinterLand 2026 Project; and

WHEREAS, Downtown Cleveland, Inc. estimates approximately 114,800 people will be served annually through this award; and

WHEREAS, Downtown Cleveland, Inc. estimates the total cost of the project is \$475,000; and

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

- A. \$50,000 from K&D
- B. \$35,000 from Cleveland Public Power/Cleveland Water/Water Pollution Control;
- C. \$3,000 from Falls & Co;
- D. \$2,500 from the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority;

E. In-kind contributions from Jack Frost Donuts; and

WHEREAS, Downtown Cleveland, Inc. is estimating the start date of the project will be November 2026 and the project will be completed by February 2027; and

WHEREAS, Downtown Cleveland, Inc. requested \$5,000 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 \$5,000 to Downtown Cleveland, 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 \$5,000 to Downtown Cleveland, Inc. from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the WinterLand 2026 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 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:

Committee(s) Assigned:

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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.): Downtown Cleveland, Inc.	
Address of Requesting Entity: 668 Euclid Ave., Suite 101 Cleveland, OH 44114	
County Council District # of Requesting Entity: 7	
Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity: 50 Public Square, Cleveland, OH 44113	
County Council District # of Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity: 	
Contact Name of Person Filling out This Request: Megan Carbone	
Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity: 	
Email: mcarbone@downtowncleveland.com	Phone: 216-435-1323
Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.: 34-1775903	Date: 9/22/26

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 Name: WinterLand 2026

Downtown Cleveland, Inc. respectfully requests support for WinterLand 2026, downtown Cleveland's signature holiday celebration and one of the region's longest-standing seasonal traditions. For nearly four decades, WinterLand has transformed Public Square and surrounding downtown destinations into a festive gathering place for residents and visitors throughout the holiday season.

The season begins with the WinterLand Kickoff on November 28, 2026 (Small Business Saturday), when tens of thousands of guests are expected to gather in Public Square for live entertainment, community activations, food trucks, complimentary activities, holiday displays, and the lighting of Cleveland's holiday tree. Following the Kickoff, WinterLand continues through February 15, 2027, featuring six-day-per-week ice skating, curling, holiday markets, our storefront decorating contest, food truck activations, and additional seasonal programming.

WinterLand is important because it creates safe, welcoming, and accessible opportunities for residents and visitors to gather during the winter months, a time when outdoor public spaces often experience reduced activity. Through WinterLand, Downtown Cleveland activates Public Square and surrounding destinations, encourages visitation, increases foot traffic and dwell time, supports local businesses, and fosters positive perceptions of downtown Cleveland. The event also serves as a valuable community tradition that strengthens civic pride and creates shared experiences for families across Cuyahoga County.

Project Timeline & Milestones

- **September-October 2026:** Event planning, sponsorship sales, vendor coordination, marketing development, and logistics planning.
- **October-November 2026:** Site preparation, installation of holiday décor and infrastructure, production coordination, and media outreach.
- **November 28, 2026:** WinterLand Kickoff celebration in Public Square.
- **November 29, 2026-February 15, 2027:** Ongoing WinterLand programming, including ice skating, curling, holiday markets, food truck activations, and community events.
- **February 15, 2027:** Final day of WinterLand programming and ice rink operations.
- **February-March 2027:** Event breakdown, program evaluation, attendance tracking, and reporting.

This version keeps the focus on community impact while giving the County a clear understanding of how the funds will support a project that is already well underway and has defined milestones.

Project Start Date: 11/28/2026

Project End Date: 2/15/2027

IMPACT OF PROJECT:

Who will be served: WinterLand serves the diverse population that lives, works, and visits downtown Cleveland. Through free and low-cost seasonal programming, the event welcomes residents, employees, families, students, tourists, and visitors from across Cuyahoga County and the region. As part of Downtown Cleveland, Inc.'s mission to make downtown a desirable place to live, work, and play, WinterLand creates opportunities for community gathering, recreation, and celebration during the winter months. By activating Public Square and surrounding destinations with festive programming and experiences, WinterLand strengthens quality of life, encourages visitation, supports local businesses, and fosters a vibrant and welcoming downtown for all.

How many people will be served annually:

Based on WinterLand 2025 attendance and visitation data, WinterLand reached approximately 114,800 visitors downtown-wide throughout the season, including approximately 25,000 attendees at the WinterLand Kickoff event in Public Square.

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

Yes. WinterLand serves low- and moderate-income individuals and families by providing free, accessible holiday programming in the heart of downtown Cleveland. While ice skating rentals require a fee to help offset operating costs, the majority of WinterLand activities, including the Kickoff celebration, holiday displays, entertainment, community activations, and seasonal events, are offered free of charge. Many WinterLand activities take place in and around Public Square, a major regional transit hub, ensuring convenient access for individuals who rely on public transportation. By removing financial and transportation barriers, WinterLand creates opportunities for residents from across Cuyahoga County to participate in a welcoming community tradition and enjoy downtown Cleveland's public spaces.

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

WinterLand is a longstanding downtown Cleveland tradition that brings residents and visitors together during the holiday season while activating Public Square and surrounding destinations throughout the winter months. As manager of Public Square, Downtown Cleveland, Inc. coordinates closely with community partners, local businesses, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA), and public safety agencies to ensure WinterLand complements and enhances other downtown activities and investments.

WinterLand also serves as a platform for collaboration. For example, Destination Cleveland's Illuminate CLE light show is incorporated into the WinterLand experience, helping create a coordinated holiday season throughout downtown.

The event supports local businesses by increasing visitation, foot traffic, and dwell time while encouraging exploration of downtown restaurants, retailers, and attractions. Through these partnerships and activities, WinterLand strengthens civic pride, supports economic activity, and contributes to a vibrant downtown experience for the broader community.

If applicable, how many jobs will be created or retained (specify the number for each) and will the jobs be permanent or temporary: WinterLand supports temporary seasonal employment through contracts with vendors, event production partners, entertainers, food truck operators, rink management personnel, and other service providers. While the project is not primarily designed as a job-creation initiative, it helps retain seasonal and contract-based positions necessary to produce and operate the event. Exact employment figures are not tracked by Downtown Cleveland, Inc.

If applicable, what environmental issues or benefits will there be: WinterLand takes place primarily within existing public spaces and infrastructure in downtown Cleveland, minimizing the need for new development or construction. The event is highly accessible by public transportation due to its location in and around Public Square, a major regional transit hub, encouraging the use of transit, walking, and other alternative transportation methods. WinterLand also promotes walkability by encouraging visitors to explore downtown destinations, businesses, and attractions on foot throughout the season.

If applicable, how does this project serve as a catalyst for future initiatives: WinterLand serves as a catalyst for future programs, partnerships, and community engagement opportunities throughout downtown Cleveland. Each season provides an opportunity to test new ideas, evaluate community interest, and expand successful initiatives. For example, following the success of our summer Farmers Market, WinterLand will host its first Holiday Market in 2026. Similarly, after introducing Food Truck Tuesdays and seasonal curling experiences in 2025, we are expanding those offerings based on strong community participation and feedback.

By attracting residents and visitors downtown during the winter months, WinterLand helps Downtown Cleveland identify new opportunities to increase visitation, support local businesses, strengthen community partnerships, and enhance public spaces. This approach allows growth to occur in a thoughtful and sustainable manner while continuously improving the downtown experience and creating new opportunities for year-round activation.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Total Budget of Project:

\$475,000

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

Funding for WinterLand is derived from a combination of corporate sponsorships, organizational support, and in-kind partnerships. Sponsor recruitment for the 2026 season is currently underway; therefore, the list below reflects committed support to date and does not represent the final funding composition of the project.

- K&D, \$50,000
- Cleveland Public Power/Cleveland Water/Water Pollution Control: \$35,000
- Falls & Co., \$3,000
- GCRTA, \$2,500 (plus Holiday Trolley activation)
- Jack Frost Donuts, in-kind (hot chocolate donation)

Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars:

\$5,000

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

WinterLand has been a downtown Cleveland tradition for nearly 40 years and is sustained through a combination of sponsorship revenue, philanthropic support, community partnerships, and organizational investment. Downtown Cleveland, Inc. will continue to cultivate existing funders, seek new sponsorship opportunities, and leverage strategic partnerships to ensure the long-term success and sustainability of the event beyond this one-time funding opportunity.

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:

Megan Carbone

Signature:



Date:

9/28/2016

Additional Documents

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

Overview of sponsorship opportunities and corresponding benefits for WinterLand 2026:

<https://www.downtowncleveland.com/winterland-partnership>

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2026-0286

Sponsored by: **Councilmember Sweeney**

A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation for the purpose of Rip City Boxing Program from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

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 \$10,000 to the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation for the Rip City Boxing Program; and

WHEREAS, the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation estimates approximately 40-50 youths will be served annually through this award; and

WHEREAS, the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation estimates the total cost of the project is \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation is estimating the start date of the project will be October 2026 and the project will be completed by April 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation requested \$10,000 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 \$10,000 to the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation 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 Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the Rip City Boxing 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 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:
Committee(s) Assigned:

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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.): Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation	
Address of Requesting Entity: 4274 Pearl Road, Cleveland OH 44109	
County Council District # of Requesting Entity: District 3	
Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity: 4125 Fulton Road, Cleveland OH 44144	
County Council District # of Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity: N/A	
Contact Name of Person Filling out This Request: Hope Fierro	
Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity: N/A	
Email: HopeF@oldbrooklyn.com	Phone: 216-459-1000
Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.: 34-1177633	Date: September 15, 2026

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):

Rip City Boxing provides classes and after school training sessions, as well as positive mental activity reinforcement. These classes are focused on youth ages 10 through 17, some living in Cleveland's most low-income neighborhoods. Rey Ruiz, former Olympian alternate in the 1984 Olympic boxing team, conducts these activities. He has years of boxing competition experience as well as training boys and girls in boxing and self-defense. His experience as a boxer, trainer, and manager provides inner city youth with discipline, training exercise, and valuable life skills.

The goal of this program is to provide youth with a healthy, safe, and physically rewarding environment to teach coping skills with the socio-economic challenges they face. The grant pays for coaching, specialty training, and equipment. Estabrook Recreation Center will serve as the base location for this program.

Project Start Date:
October 1, 2026

Project End Date:
April 1, 2027 (18 months)

IMPACT OF PROJECT:
Who will be served: Inner city youth and families located in Cleveland's east and west sides.
How many people will be served annually: Rip City Boxing has recently had classes of 40-50 youths, 25 of which have been placed in Cleveland Safety Services. 17 were placed in the Cleveland Fire Academy, and 8 in the Police Academy.
Will low/moderate income people be served; if so how: All youth served come from low-income families. Discipline learned through these classes train youth in self-defense, grow self-confidence, and develop self-discipline. These youth learn invaluable, meaningful life skills needed for healthy physical and mental development.
How does the project fit with the community and with other ongoing projects: Rip City enhances the current programs available at recreation centers, but goes further in personalizing the approach to mentoring students.
If applicable, how many jobs will be created or retained (specify the number for each) and will the jobs be permanent or temporary: Based on grant parameters and measured success points, we will maintain these classes using part-time instructors. Rip City has placed candidates in Cleveland safety departments as well.
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: This program provides incentives for youth to utilize all the Centers mentioned above. It also keeps youth out of neighbor influences that can result in gang activities.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:
Total Budget of Project: \$10,000
Other Funding Sources of Project (list each source and dollar amount separately): The City of Cleveland is providing new equipment with casino dollars.
Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars: \$10,000
Since these are one-time dollars, how will the Project be sustained moving forward: This will allow for students to continue progressing and help to recruit new youth into the program.

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:

Hope Fierro

Signature:

Date:

September 15, 2026

Additional Documents

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

- Non-competitive bid form
- Independent contractor form
- W9
- Bureau of Worker's Compensation Certificate
- COI