



**AGENDA**  
**CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023**  
**CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS**  
**C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**  
**3:00 PM**

**Committee Members:**

**Sunny M. Simon, Chair – District 11**

**Cheryl L. Stephens, Vice Chair – District 10**

**Pernel Jones, Jr. – District 8**

**Jack H. Schron, Jr. – District 6**

**Yvonne M. Conwell – District 7**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 MEETING [See Page 5]**
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
  - a) R2023-0256: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to Forget Me Not Animal Rescue for food and medical expenses for rescued animals from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 8]

- b) R2023-0272: A Resolution authorizing the County Executive to enter into a Local Governance Agreement with the City of Cleveland and a to-be-formed non-profit organization to carry out workforce development activities for the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Area; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 16]

**6. DISCUSSION**

- a) Update on bird mitigation at Huntington Convention Center
- b) Items from September 25, 2023 Board of Control Agenda-BC2023-594:

Dept:	County Executive’s Office							
Event:	COP28 UAE Thematic Program							
Source:	The United Nations							
Location:	Dubai, United Arab Emirates							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registratio *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileag **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
Christoph Ronayne	12/01/202 12/07/202	\$0.00	\$420.0 0	\$2,000.0 0	\$0.00	\$2,300.0 0	\$4,720.0 0	General The Office is seeking reimburseme using grant funds

\*Paid to host

\*\*Staff reimbursement

\*\*\* Airfare will be covered by a contract with the County’s Travel Vendor

**Purpose:**

Request to travel to United Nations Climate Conference (COP 28) in Dubai, United Arab Emirates as part of a delegation of leaders from across Cuyahoga County. We plan to attend events at COP28 that focuses on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, designing green urban spaces, protecting our freshwater rivers and lakes, and educating our young people to become better stewards of climate justice efforts.

Dept:	Department of Sustainability							
Event:	COP28 UAE Thematic Program							
Source:	The United Nations							
Location:	Dubai, United Arab Emirates							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registratio *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileag **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
Valerie Katz	12/01/2022 12/07/2022	\$0.00	\$420.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$2,300.00	\$4,320.00	General The Office is seeking reimburseme using grant funds

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## 7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

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*\*\*Council Chambers is equipped with a hearing assistance system. If needed, please see the Clerk to obtain a receiver.*



## **MINUTES**

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3:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 3:16 p.m.**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Ms. Simon asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Jones, Schron and Conwell were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Stephens was absent from the meeting. Councilmember Miller was also in attendance.**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**There were no public comments given.**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 26, 2023 MEETING**

**A motion was made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2023 meeting.**

**5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

- a) R2023-0252: A Resolution making awards on RQ11808 to various providers in the total amount not-to-exceed \$8,353,645.74 for youth workforce employment, education and training services in connection with Comprehensive Case Management Employment Program for the

period 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract Nos. 3414, 3634, 3646, 3649 & 3651 and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- i) For out-of-school services:
  - a) Contract No. 3414 with The Kaiser Group (DE) LLC dba Dynamic Workforce Solutions in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,411,259.36.
  - b) Contract No. 3634 with Towards Employment in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,587,017.00.
  - c) Contract No. 3646 with Ohio Guidestone in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,291,896.81.
  - d) Contract No. 3649 with Cuyahoga Community College District in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,775,642.15.
- ii) For in-school services:
  - a) Contract No. 3651 with Cuyahoga Community College District in the amount not-to-exceed \$287,830.42.

**Ms. Mary Kelley, Program Administrator, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0252. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2023-0252 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

- b) O2023-0015: An Ordinance amending Section 206.12 of the Cuyahoga County Code to codify the county's planning regions represented by the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission and to clarify the procedures for the designation of alternates, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

**Mr. Michael King, Special Counsel; and Ms. Jennifer Karaffa, Business Services Manager, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2023-0015. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. King and Ms. Karaffa pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Jones, Ordinance No. O2023-0015 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 Simon adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m., without objection.**

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Resolution No. R2023-0256

Sponsored by: <b>Councilmember Sweeney</b>	<b>A Resolution</b> awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to Forget Me Not Animal Rescue for food and medical expenses for rescued animals 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 Forget Me Not Animal Rescue for food and medical expenses for rescued animals; and

**WHEREAS**, Forget Me Not Animal Rescue estimates approximately 160 families will be served annually through this award; and

**WHEREAS**, Forget Me Not Animal Rescue estimates the total cost of the project is \$20,000; and

**WHEREAS**, Forget Me Not Animal Rescue indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes:

- A. \$1,000 from Football Squares;
- B. \$500 from raffles with donated prizes;
- C. \$300 from Holiday Photo Shoot; and



**WHEREAS**, Forget Me Not Animal Rescue is estimating the start date of the project will be November 2023 and the project will be completed by October 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Forget Me Not Animal Rescue 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 Forget Me Not Animal Rescue 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 Forget Me Not Animal Rescue from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for food and medical expenses for rescued animals.

**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:

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County Council President                      Date

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

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Clerk of Council                                      Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: September 26, 2023  
Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

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## Cuyahoga County Council

2079 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor • Cleveland Ohio 44115  
(216) 698-2010

### COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT APPLICATION

<b>APPLICANT INFORMATION:</b>	
<b>Name of Requesting Entity (City, Business, Non-Profit, etc.):</b> <b>Forget Me Not Animal Rescue</b>	
<b>Address of Requesting Entity:</b> 13338 Boston Road Strongsville, Ohio 44136	
<b>County Council District # of Requesting Entity:</b>  District 3	
<b>Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity:</b>  Same as above	
<b>County Council District # of Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity:</b>  Same as above	
<b>Contact Name of Person Filling out This Request:</b>  Naomi Gerace	
<b>Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity:</b> 17036 Raccoon Trail Strongsville, Ohio 44136	
<b>Email:</b>  Naomi71710@gmail.com	<b>Phone:</b>  775-815-2249
<b>Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.:</b>  45-4196515	<b>Date:</b>  9/11/2023

## **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):**

Forget Me Not Animal Rescue (FMNAR) is a foster based non-profit animal rescue in Strongsville that leverages local families to foster and house animals awaiting their forever homes focuses primarily on animals with health or behavioral issues who often do much better in a family environment vs a kennel while waiting for a family. We provide medical and behavioral training along with covering all food and medical expenses while in our foster based care.

Often, local shelters and kennels must euthanize animals when their facilities become too full, FMNAR fills this gap by pulling and placing animals in our foster network. We believe that all animals deserve the chance to find their forever family and a full kennel should not be the reason any animal is euthanized. As a non-profit run strictly by volunteers, we rely on donations and fundraisers to cover the food and medical expenses for each animal we take on. Sometimes it can be weeks or months before an animal can be placed in their forever home which can lead to hundreds of dollars in expenses.

The ARPA funds will be used to help cover the costs of food and medical expenses that we estimate will help between 20 and 80 animals find homes. By using the ARPA dollars, we will be able to free up other donations and fundraisers that we have to help establish a dedicated pool of fundraising dollars that will help us invest and multiply our fundraising efforts. Fundraisers need seed money to be successful but can then be multiplied by hosting a successful event. Receiving the ARPA money for our food and medical expenses will help use other resources as seed money to help keep the Animal Angel Fund growing well into the future!

**Project Start Date: 11/1/2023**

**Project End Date: 10/31/2024**

## **IMPACT OF PROJECT:**

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

Lost, neglected, or abandoned animals in Cuyahoga County. Numerous fosters and forever families will be impacted through these funds. If we are able to help place between 20 and 80 animals, that could be up to 160 families in Cuyahoga County that receive the positive experience of helping and owning a pet!

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

Potentially up to 160 families in Cuyahoga County will be served through this ARPA award if we can place between 20 and 80 animals.

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

Yes, FMNAR maintains low adoption fees and there is no expense to become a foster family. We encourage all households who are willing to open their hearts and homes to animals in need of a safe and loving environment.

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

FMNAR supports the existing work taken up by several local animal kennels in Cuyahoga County. We help support the ideal scenario where no animals are euthanized. We will take animals who may need extra medical attention or training to find success in a forever home. Our fosters recognize that not every family can take on a "hard case" pet, but that is where our fosters come into play to fill that gap and help more animals find loving homes.

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

n/a

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

n/a

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

n/a

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

**Total Budget of Project:**

**\$20,000**

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

**Annual Fundraisers**

Football Squares - \$1,000

Raffles with donated prizes - \$500

Holiday Photo Shoot - \$300

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

**\$20,000**

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

Utilizing these ARPA dollars for the current food and medical expense, will allow us to take our fundraising dollars and put them in seed money to help fund future fundraisers to raise and multiple the amount we collect on an annual basis to cover future food and medical expenses.

**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:**

**Naomi Gerace**

**Signature:**



**Date:**

9/11/2023

**Additional Documents**

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

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Resolution No. R2023-0272

Sponsored by: <b>County Executive Ronayne</b>	<b>An Emergency Resolution</b> authorizing the County Executive to enter into a Local Governance Agreement with the City of Cleveland and a to-be-formed non-profit organization to carry out workforce development activities for the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Area; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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**WHEREAS**, Cuyahoga County (“County”) and the City of Cleveland (“City”) combined to form one Local Workforce Investment Area, known as Local Area #3, for the purposes of implementing the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (“WIA”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the County and the Mayor of the City, as the Chief Elected Officials (“CEOs”) of the combined Ohio Local Area #3, entered into a 2007 intergovernmental agreement to provide for the combination of the County and City workforce investment boards and service areas, to maintain a jointly managed workforce investment program in Ohio Local Area #3, and to provide for unified delivery of workforce investment services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Workforce Investment and Innovation Act (“WIOA”), amending WIA, was signed into law on July 22, 2015, and subsequently in 2017, the Chief Executive of the County and the Mayor of the City, as CEOs of the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Area, entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement of Elected Officials of the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Area (“2017 Intergovernmental Agreement”) to operate the local workforce development system as required by WIOA; and

**WHEREAS**, the CEOs are responsible under WIOA for establishing a local workforce development governing board (“WDB”) and appointing members thereto in accordance with WIOA; and

**WHEREAS**, the current WDB established by the CEOs consists of members appointed by the CEOs; and



**WHEREAS**, under the 2017 Intergovernmental Agreement, the County was designated as the fiscal agent for the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Area and the WDB; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and Cuyahoga desire to terminate the 2017 Intergovernmental Agreement and enter into a Local Governance Agreement effective immediately upon termination of the 2017 Intergovernmental Agreement under which a nonprofit corporation organized under Chapter 1702 of the Ohio Revised Code will serve as the local WDB to act as both the fiscal and administrative agent to carry out workforce development activities for the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the CEOs intend to continue to appoint and re-appoint members to the WDB operated by the non-profit organization in the manner described in the 2017 Intergovernmental Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby authorizes the County Executive to enter into a Local Governance Agreement with the City of Cleveland effective immediately upon termination of the 2017 Intergovernmental Agreement under which a nonprofit corporation organized under Chapter 1702 of the Ohio Revised Code will serve as the local WDB to act as both the fiscal and administrative agent to carry out workforce development activities for the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Area. To the extent that any exemptions to the County Code and contracting procedures are necessary for anything contemplated herein, said exemptions shall be deemed approved by the adoption of this Resolution.

**SECTION 2.** 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 eight members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective.

**SECTION 3.** 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

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Clerk of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: September 26, 2023

Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

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## **Briefing Memo – Conversion of Workforce Development Board to Nonprofit Corp.**

In May, the Cleveland-Cuyahoga Workforce Development Board (the Board) voted to recommend that the organization transform into a nonprofit (501c3 organization). It is currently an intergovernmental organization jointly staffed by the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. This vote was held following a year of intense deliberation at four consecutive Board meetings, a series of focus groups with stakeholders, and detailed research on design and implementation options. The plan took root in the CCWDB's 2019-2023 Strategic Plan, which directed the Board to explore possibilities for creating a more manageable and nimble structure. This move was inspired by the need to strengthen the organization's ability to lead, innovate, and do more to help grow the region. It's also part of a growing movement nationally – 55% of similar government workforce organizations have already successfully transitioned to nonprofit status. The next step will be to work with City and County Councils to share the Board's recommendation, rationale for this change, and for them to consider authorizing the transition from our current intergovernmental structure to a nonprofit Board.

The Board oversees the public workforce system – helping employers find and develop the skilled workers they need and helping jobseekers find good paying jobs and new careers. The Board currently serves 10,000 people a year, with federal WIOA funding that flows to our County by formula, through the state.

The change is already supported by the Cuyahoga County Mayors and City Managers Association, which represents all 57 municipalities in Cuyahoga County. In a letter of support, the President and Mayor of Pepper Pike Richard Bain wrote, “We believe this change will allow our residents and employers to re-engage in workforce development activities and support in ways that will put more residents to work, increase household incomes, grow our companies, and contribute and align with the economic development and infrastructure activities you support which create real opportunity for all.”

The Board and leadership of the organization feel that a nonprofit model will allow us to serve more people, be a better partner to businesses and other workforce providers, and be able to efficiently and nimbly respond to the labor market. For residents, we expect them to feel little change – our Ohio Means Jobs Center at 1910 Carnegie and staff throughout the community will still be ready & eager to support jobseekers on their career paths.