



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
4th FLOOR

MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2025 — 3:00 P.M.

Committee Members

Sunny M. Simon, Chair | Dist. 11
Robert E. Schleper, Jr., Vice Chair | Dist. 6
Michael J. Houser, Sr. | Dist. 10
Pernel Jones, Jr. | Dist. 8
Dale Miller | Dist. 2

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 21, 2025 MEETING

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2025-0171: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Urban League of Greater Cleveland for the 2025 National Urban League Conference from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- b) R2025-0192: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$2,000, to Brilliant Misfits d.b.a. Golden Guardians for the Brilliant Misfits Youth Enrichment Program from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- c) R2025-0205: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Sports Association, Inc. for the Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Empowerment through Sports Initiative from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- d) R2025-0214: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Master Contract with various providers for a summer youth employment program for low-income, TANF-eligible youth, ages 14-24, for the period 11/1/2024 – 12/31/2025, to add Exhibit I-A representing the budget for the amendment term, and for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed \$857,746.00; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Contract No. 4786 with Youth Opportunities Unlimited in the amount not-to-exceed \$857,746.00.
- 2) Contract No. 4787 with Verge, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$0.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Simon asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Schleper, Houser and Miler were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Jones joined the meeting after the roll call was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 30, 2025 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Schleper, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the April 30, 2025 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2025-0167: A Resolution adopting the 2026-2040 Solid Waste Management Plan Update for the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Beth Biggins-Ramer, Executive Director of the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0167. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Biggins-Ramer pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2025-0167 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2025-0168: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to Urban Squash Cleveland for operational support for the Youth Development Program from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Jean Koehler, Executive Director of Urban Squash Cleveland; and Mr. Liam O'Toole, Operations & Community Squash Coordinator for Urban Squash Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0168. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Koehler and Mr. O'Toole pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2025-0168 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- c) R2025-0169: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to Cuyahoga Community College for the Center for Entrepreneurs Mentors Initiative from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Renee Richard, President and CEO of Cuyahoga Community College Corporate College; and Ms. Ronna McNair, Executive Director of The Center for Entrepreneurs for Cuyahoga Community College, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0169. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Richard and Ms. McNair pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Schleper with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2025-0169 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- d) R2025-0170: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to Pink Party Retreat for the Pink and Black Honors Project from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Nanika Ansari, Executive Director of Pink Party Retreat, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0170. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2025-0170 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Mr. Jones requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

- e) R2025-0171: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Urban League of Greater Cleveland for the 2025 National Urban League Conference from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

There was no legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2025-0171.

- f) R2025-0178: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a grant agreement with College Now Greater Cleveland, Contract No. 2611, for the administration and management of debt repayment scholarships and completion scholarships to eligible post-secondary students in connection with the Cuyahoga County Completion Scholarship Program for the period 9/15/2022 – 9/14/2024, to extend the grant agreement expiration date to 07/31/2027 and authorize College Now Greater Cleveland to reallocate an amount not-to-exceed \$600,000 from the Debt Repayment Program to the Completion Scholarship Program; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Bob Durham, Chief Scholarship Services Officer for College Now Greater Cleveland; and Ms. Maggie McGrath, Executive Director of the Higher Education

Compact of Greater Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0178. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Durham and Ms. McGrath pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2025-0178 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.

Mr. Jones requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

- g) R2025-0190: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of City of Bay Village for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in the Cahoon Creek Habitat Restoration in the City of Bay Village; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Meghan Chaney, Senior Planner, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0190. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2025-0190 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.

Mr. Miller requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

- h) R2025-0191: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of West Creek Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in the Headwaters Connector Trail in the City of Solon; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Chaney addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0191. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2025-0191 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.

Ms. Simon and Mr. Miller requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2025-0171

Sponsored by: Councilmember Turner	A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Urban League of Greater Cleveland for the 2025 National Urban League Conference 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 Urban League of Greater Cleveland for the 2025 National Urban League Conference; and

WHEREAS, the Urban League of Greater Cleveland estimates approximately 92 affiliate organizations will be served through this award; and

WHEREAS, the Urban League of Greater Cleveland estimates the total cost of the project is \$20,000; and

WHEREAS, the Urban League of Greater Cleveland indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes \$10,000 from the 2024 ULGC Equal Opportunity Day Luncheon fundraiser; and:

WHEREAS, the Urban League of Greater Cleveland is estimating the start date of the project will be July 14, 2025, and the project will be completed by July 20, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Urban League of Greater Cleveland requested \$10,000 from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund to complete this project; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding in the amount of \$10,000 to the Urban League of Greater Cleveland to ensure this project is completed; and

WHEREAS, this Council by a vote of at least eight (8) members determines that it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue to provide for the usually, daily operations of the County.

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

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby awards a not-to-exceed amount of \$10,000 to the Urban League of Greater Cleveland from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the 2025 National Urban League Conference.

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: May 13, 2025

Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

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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.): Urban League of Greater Cleveland	
Address of Requesting Entity: 2930 Prospect Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44115	
County Council District # of Requesting Entity: District 9	
Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity: Huntington Convention Center, 300 Lakeside Avenue E, Cleveland, Ohio 44114	
County Council District # of Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity:	
Contact Name of Person Filling out This Request: Vet Nixon	
Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity:	
Email: vnixon@ulcleveland.org	Phone: (216) 622-0995
Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.: 34-0720563	Date: 4/22/25

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 2025 National Urban League Conference will be held in Cleveland July 16-19, bringing thousands of thought leaders, experts, advocates, and activists to confront the nation's challenges and shape an empowerment agenda to Defend Democracy, Demand Diversity, and Defeat Poverty. The National Urban League (NUL) is comprised of 92 affiliates, serving 300 communities and over 3million people annually.

Hosted by the Urban League of Greater Cleveland (ULGC), the conference will take place at the Huntington Convention Center. NUL President and CEO Marc H. Morial will open the conference with the State of the Urban League Address. The conference will explore the challenges of systemic racism, discrimination, and barriers to opportunity in every aspect of the current social and economic landscape and bring together leading innovators and trailblazers in business and industry, government, and community to chart a path to success.

2024 conference workshops topics included:

- Access, Equity & the Future of Black Health
- Race & Justice Reframed: Crafting a New Narrative for Public Safety, Criminal Justice, & Police Reform
- Voices for Change: Activating Community Power
- Reclaim Your Vote & Your Voice

In addition to dynamic panel discussions, information-packed workshops and forums, and plenary sessions for registered attendees, the 2025 conference will feature free events open to the public:

- Virtual and In-person Career and Networking Fair on Tuesday, July 15 and Wednesday, July 16, connecting jobseekers with employers and career advice.
- National Urban League Community & Family Day Expo, Saturday, July 19, at the Huntington Convention Center, featuring informative exhibits, free health screenings, legal clinics, live entertainment sessions, games with prizes, and backpacks loaded with school supplies for K-12 students.
- Project Ready College Fair, part of Community & Family Day, featuring colleges and universities from across the country, and information on financial aid, scholarships, and college access organizations.
- The Small Business Matters Entrepreneurship Summit on Saturday, July 19, a day filled with workshops, resources, and networking to help launch or take your business to the next level, including networking with industry leaders, potential investors and successful entrepreneurs.

ULGC is submitting this funding application in the amount of \$10,000 to support the host affiliate responsibilities during the 2025 NUL Conference. Funding support from Cuyahoga County will assist ULGC promote the conference throughout Northeast Ohio and host the CEO reception scheduled for Tuesday, July 15, 2025. During the CEO reception, Marsha Mockabee will welcome affiliate CEOs to Cleveland and acknowledging their continued efforts in addressing issues faced by communities of color.

Project Start Date: 7/14/25

Project End Date: 7/20/25

IMPACT OF PROJECT:
Who will be served: ULGC anticipates serving 6,000-7,000 participants during the conference. This number will represent Urban League staff from the 92 affiliate organizations, Cleveland professionals attending the conference, and Cleveland youth and families attending the free Community Day Event.
How many people will be served annually: The National Urban League (NUL) is comprised of 92 affiliates, serving 300 communities and over 3million people annually.
Will low/moderate income people be served; if so how: Free events are built into the conference schedule making them available and accessible to low/moderate income residents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7/15/25 & 7/16/25 Career Fair • 7/19/25 Community and Family Expo Day • 7/19/25 Small Business Matters Entrepreneurship Summit
How does the project fit with the community and with other ongoing projects: Hosting the 2025 NUL Conference will bring national leaders to Cleveland to discuss community concerns and actively encourage strategies to promote change and mitigate systemic challenges. Participants will explore advocacy, effective civic engagement, and receive insights on how to navigate the political landscape to address the needs of underserved communities.
If applicable, how many jobs will be created or retained (specify the number for each) and will the jobs be permanent or temporary: N/A
If applicable, what environmental issues or benefits will there be: N/A
If applicable, how does this project serve as a catalyst for future initiatives: Hosting the 2025 NUL Conference in Cleveland will remind Cuyahoga County residents of the mission of ULGC and the services provided. ULGC anticipates receiving an uptick in consumers contacting the organization regarding small business development, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, career coaching, in-demand industry training, and job placement.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:
Total Budget of Project: \$20,000
Other Funding Sources of Project (list each source and dollar amount separately): 2024 ULGC Equal Opportunity Day Luncheon fundraiser: \$10,000
Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars: Operational Support: \$10,000
Since these are one-time dollars, how will the Project be sustained moving forward: The 2026 NUL Conference is scheduled to take place in Nashville, TN. The affiliate in that region will be responsible for hosting the conference. Staff members from ULGC will travel to Nashville to attend the 2026 conference.

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:

Marsha A. Mockabee

Signature:



Date: April 23, 2025

Additional Documents

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

- 2025 NUL Conference Flyer
- 2025 Career Fair Flyer
- 2025 Community and Family Day Expo

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2025-0192

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Sweeney & Houser	A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$2,000, to Brilliant Misfits d.b.a. Golden Guardians for the Brilliant Misfits Youth Enrichment Program from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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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 \$2,000 to Brilliant Misfits d.b.a. Golden Guardians for the Brilliant Misfits Youth Enrichment Program; and

WHEREAS, Brilliant Misfits d.b.a. Golden Guardians estimates approximately 75 to 100 people will be served annually through this award; and

WHEREAS, Brilliant Misfits d.b.a. Golden Guardians estimates approximately three to five permanent and temporary jobs will be created or retained through this project; and

WHEREAS, Brilliant Misfits d.b.a. Golden Guardians estimates the total cost of the project is \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, Brilliant Misfits d.b.a. Golden Guardians indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes:

- A. \$5,000 (in-kind) from the Cleveland Muny Football League;
- B. \$3,500 from individual donations;
- C. \$1,200 (in-kind) from Amazon Influencer Affiliate Earnings;
- D. \$12,000 (in-kind) from the Village of Bratenahl;
- E. \$1,650 (in-kind) from Bratenahl FOP;
- F. \$500 from Spark Good Grant;
- G. \$7,200 from Golden Guardians Youth Football; and

WHEREAS, Brilliant Misfits d.b.a. Golden Guardians is estimating the start date of the project will be June 2025 and the project will be completed by August 2025; and

WHEREAS, Brilliant Misfits d.b.a. Golden Guardians requested \$2,000 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 \$2,000 to Brilliant Misfits d.b.a. Golden Guardians 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 \$2,000 to Brilliant Misfits d.b.a. Golden Guardians from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the Brilliant Misfits Youth Enrichment Program.

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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: May 27, 2025
Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

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COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name of Requesting Entity (City, Business, Non-Profit, etc.):

BRILLIANT MISFITS DBA GOLDEN GUARDIANS

Address of Requesting Entity:

25000 Euclid Ave. Suite 106 Euclid, Ohio 44117

County Council District # of Requesting Entity:

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 11

Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity:

Bratenahl Community Center
10300 Brighton Rd. Bratenahl, OH 44108

County Council District # of Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity:

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 10

Contact Name of Person Filling out This Request:

Sasha Sales

Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity:

21171 Carol Dr. Euclid, Ohio 44119

Email:

info@brilliantmisfits.org

Phone:

216-502-0871

Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.:

33-2621258

Date:

05/16/2025

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: *Brilliant Misfits Youth Enrichment Program – Bratenahl*

Project Description:

Brilliant Misfits is currently operating a youth enrichment program out of the Village of Bratenahl and the Bratenahl Community Center. This program offers a combination of structured youth football activities and creative arts workshops, including filmmaking, digital storytelling, and marketing skills. Our mission is to provide under-resourced youth from Cuyahoga County with a safe, inspiring space to grow both on and off the field, developing discipline, creativity, confidence, and real-world skills.

Why the Project Is Important:

Many youth in the Greater Cleveland area, particularly those from under-resourced neighborhoods, lack access to consistent mentorship, safe recreational spaces, and creative development programs. I know firsthand how important this work is. Growing up in the inner city of Cleveland, off E. 76th Street and St. Clair Ave., I didn't have many safe spaces or mentors. Gun violence, drugs, and poverty were all around me. Basketball became my escape, my way out of a reality that felt like it was holding me captive. It often felt like opportunities were never meant for kids like me. That's why programs like Brilliant Misfits matter so much. We're creating the spaces, mentorship, and resources I wish I had, uplifting a community that's too often overlooked. Brilliant Misfits bridges this gap by blending athletics and the arts with intentional mentorship. This holistic approach supports the physical, emotional, and intellectual growth of the youth we serve. Empowering them to pursue brighter futures and make their voices heard.

Timeline & Milestones:

- **April 2025** – Present: Actively running our *Golden Guardians Football Program*, recruiting both girls and boys ages 7-12 from across Cuyahoga County for our flag football season with the Cleveland Muny Football League.
- **Spring 2025** – Weekly football practices continue at both the **Bratenahl Community Center** and our designated grass field at **Bratenahl Village Park**. Youth will also begin learning about agriculture, including gardening, sustainability, and nutrition taught by a local Bratenahl resident (Mr. Mike Tomko) with experience in the field.
- **Summer 2025** – Official launch of the *Brilliant Misfits Film & Media Lab* for youth ages 8–18, offering hands-on workshops in filmmaking, photography, digital storytelling, and branding.
- **Fall 2025** – Full youth football season and continued media lab sessions; begin showcasing youth-created content and tracking participation outcomes.
- **Winter 2025** – Host a year-end showcase at the community center, featuring youth-produced films, photos, and media campaigns as well submitting films from media labs into film festivals, and video on demand.
- **Ongoing** – Weekly tracking of attendance and engagement, monthly internal check-ins for quality and consistency, and seasonal parent and youth feedback collection to refine programming.

Progress will be measured through attendance records, project completion, media outputs, behavioral observations, and direct feedback from youth, families, and community stakeholders.

Project Start Date:
06/02/2025

Project End Date:
08/25/2025

IMPACT OF PROJECT:

Who will be served:

This project will serve under-resourced youth, ages 7–18, primarily from the inner city of Cleveland and surrounding areas throughout Cuyahoga County. We aim to reach children and teens who lack access to safe environments, structured extracurricular activities, and creative outlets. Many of these youth come from communities disproportionately affected by poverty, violence, and limited educational or recreational opportunities. Our program prioritizes those who would benefit most from mentorship, life skills development, athletic structure, and hands-on creative learning in a supportive and inspiring environment.

How many people will be served annually:

Brilliant Misfits anticipates serving approximately 75 to 100 youth annually through our football programs, creative arts workshops, film & media lab, and mentorship activities. As our partnerships and resources grow, we aim to expand our reach even further in future years.

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

Yes, Brilliant Misfits specifically serves low- to moderate-income youth and families from under-resourced neighborhoods in Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. We remove financial barriers by offering our programs at little to no cost, providing access to sports, creative arts, mentorship, and enrichment opportunities that would otherwise be inaccessible. We also assist with equipment, transportation when possible, and meals during extended activities to ensure all youth can participate fully regardless of financial circumstances.

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

The Brilliant Misfits program complements community efforts by providing safe, structured, and empowering activities for youth in the Village of Bratenahl and Greater Cleveland. Our work supports broader goals of youth development, violence prevention, and educational enrichment. By combining athletics, creative arts, and mentorship, we fill critical gaps left by limited school and after-school programming. We also collaborate with local leaders, organizations, and residents ensuring our programs align with community needs and strengthen existing efforts to uplift and support at-risk youth.

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

This project will create 3–5 part-time jobs, including roles for youth mentors, coaches, and workshop instructors. These positions may begin as temporary or seasonal but are intended to become permanent as funding and program capacity grow. Additionally, the program supports ongoing roles for administrative and program coordination, helping to retain key team members essential to long-term sustainability and impact.

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

Brilliant Misfits promotes environmental awareness through hands-on agriculture and gardening activities, teaching youth about sustainability, healthy eating, and caring for green spaces. These lessons help instill a respect for the environment and encourage eco-friendly habits at a young age. By utilizing local outdoor spaces like Bratenahl Village Park, we also foster a connection to nature while encouraging care and stewardship of community resources.

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

Brilliant Misfits lays the foundation for long-term impact by equipping youth with life skills, creative tools, and mentorship that extend beyond our current programs. As participants grow, they become future leaders, creators, and role models in their communities. This project also strengthens local partnerships, builds trust with families, and demonstrates the value of community-based youth development. Opening doors for expanded initiatives in mental health, entrepreneurship, workforce readiness, and additional arts and sports programming across Cuyahoga County.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Total Budget of Project:

\$100,000

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

Other Funding Sources of Project:

- Cleveland Muny Football League (in-kind support): \$5,000
- Individual Donations (community members & supporters): \$3,500
- Amazon Influencer Affiliate Earnings (youth media program support): \$1,200
- In-kind Support from Village of Bratenahl (space/utilities): Estimated \$12,000
- Bratenahl FOP (in-kind support): \$1650
- Pending Grant – Cuyahoga Arts & Culture: ?
- Pending Grant – Neighborhood Connections: ?
- Spark Good Grant (Sam's Club Mentor): \$500
- Pending – Raising Cane's Fundraiser Partnership: ?
- Pending – Saint Luke's Foundation Grant: ?
- Pending – AWS Image Grant: ?
- Golden Guardians Youth Football Fees – \$7,200

Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars:

\$2,000

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

To ensure long-term sustainability, Brilliant Misfits is actively diversifying its funding sources. We are pursuing multi-year grants, building relationships with corporate sponsors, expanding our individual donor base, and hosting community fundraisers. We also generate income through our Amazon affiliate program and plan to offer youth-led media services in the future as a social enterprise model. As community awareness grows, we aim to strengthen partnerships with local municipalities and schools to share resources and expand impact. Our goal is to create a self-sustaining program that continues to serve youth for years to come.

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:

Sasha Sales

Signature:

Sasha Sales

Date:

5/16/2025

Additional Documents

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

- Brilliant Misfits Business Plan
- Brilliant Misfits Proposal
- Certificate Good Standing
- Articles of Organization
- 501(c)(3) Status
- Brilliant Misfits Brochure

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2025-0205

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Conwell & Houser	A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Sports Association, Inc. for the Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Empowerment through Sports Initiative from the District 7 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 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund in the amount of \$10,000 to the Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Sports Association, Inc. for the Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Empowerment through Sports Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Sports Association, Inc. estimates approximately 250 people will be served annually through this award; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Sports Association, Inc. estimates approximately 4 permanent and temporary jobs will be created or retained through this project; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Sports Association, Inc. estimates the total cost of the project is \$150,000; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Sports Association, Inc. indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes fundraising from helmet drives, concession stand sales, bake sales, online popcorn, donut and candy bar sales, and financial support from surrounding businesses in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Sports Association, Inc. is estimating the start date of the project will be June 2025 and the project will be ongoing; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Sports Association, Inc. requested \$25,000 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 \$10,000 to the Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Sports Association, 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 \$10,000 to the Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Sports Association, Inc. from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Empowerment through Sports Initiative.

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: June 10, 2025

Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

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_____, 20____



Cuyahoga County Council

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COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name of Requesting Entity (City, Business, Non-Profit, etc.):

Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Sports Association, Inc

Address of Requesting Entity: 12956 Cedar Road Cleveland Heights Ohio 44118

County Council District # of Requesting Entity:
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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:

Contact Name of Person Filling out This Request: Timothy D. Gorham, II

Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity:

Email: tgorham@chtigersports.org

Phone: 216-313-6465

Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.: 47-1325124	Date:8/4/2022

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:

"Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Empowerment through Sports Initiative"

Project Description:

The Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Empowerment through Sports Initiative is a transformative, community-centered youth development project proposed by the Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Sports Association. This initiative seeks critical funding support through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to significantly expand, stabilize, and enhance the Association's youth athletic programming and integrated social, emotional, and mental wellness services for children ages 5 to 14 residing in Cleveland Heights and the surrounding Cuyahoga County communities.

Our mission is to develop well-rounded youth by using organized sports not only as a tool for physical fitness but also as a vital mechanism for cultivating mental resilience, emotional regulation, discipline, leadership, teamwork, and academic accountability. The impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, coupled with existing social and economic disparities, have disproportionately affected the developmental trajectory of youth in our region—particularly in under served, minority, and low-income communities. This project directly addresses those challenges through equitable access to constructive extracurricular engagement.

With the support of ARPA funding, we will expand our current sports programming to include:

Tackle Football

Wrestling

Track & Field

Girls Flag Football

These offerings will enhance gender inclusivity and broaden the spectrum of athletic opportunities available to youth, while providing structured seasonal programming throughout the year.

The initiative also includes the following key components:

Mental and Emotional Health Support Services

In partnership with local mental health professionals and community-based behavioral health agencies, the Association will integrate on-site and referral-based mental wellness resources. These services will support youth in processing trauma, managing emotions, developing conflict resolution strategies, and improving overall psychological well-being. Licensed professionals and trained mentors will be accessible to provide case management, group discussions, and individual coaching to at-risk youth.

Life Skills and Academic Enrichment

Beyond athletics, youth will engage in workshops on topics such as goal setting, time management, peer

pressure, nutrition, anti-bullying, and leadership development. Academic support will include structured tutoring opportunities, reading and math enrichment, and school attendance tracking, ensuring students stay on track both on and off the field.

Coach and Volunteer Training

Coaches and volunteers will receive training in trauma-informed coaching practices, youth mental health first aid, and cultural competency. This ensures that all youth interact with supportive adults equipped to recognize and respond appropriately to behavioral and emotional challenges.

League Participation and Equipment Accessibility

ARPA funding will offset the costs associated with league registration fees, transportation, uniforms, insurance, facility rentals, and essential sports equipment. This will eliminate financial barriers for families and promote widespread participation regardless of economic status.

Community Engagement and Parent Support

Parents and guardians will have access to parenting support groups, family wellness nights, and information sessions that build stronger home-school-sports-community connections. We believe empowering families strengthens youth.

Expected Outcomes:

Engage 250+ youth annually in positive recreational and developmental programming.

Improve youth mental health, social-emotional skills, and school performance.

Decrease risky behaviors by providing safe, supervised environments.

Foster gender equity and inclusion through expanded program access.

Support long-term community wellness, safety, and youth retention.

The Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Empowerment through Sports Initiative represents a holistic investment in the future of our youth, combining athletics with healing-centered support systems. By nurturing the whole child—physically, mentally, and emotionally—this project seeks to uplift a generation through sport, unity, and empowerment.

We respectfully request consideration and support from Cuyahoga County's American Rescue Plan Act funding to make this vision a sustainable reality.

Project Start Date: June 9, 2025

Project End Date: Ongoing

IMPACT OF PROJECT:

Who will be served:

The Association's youth athletic programming and integrated social, emotional, and mental wellness services for children ages 5 to 14 residing in Cleveland Heights and the surrounding Cuyahoga County communities.

How many people will be served annually:

Engage 250+ youth annually in positive recreational and developmental programming.

Will low/moderate income people be served; if so how: Low/moderate income children and families will be served by bringing the children to

The Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Sports Association is committed to providing inclusive, accessible, and impactful programming for low- to moderate-income children and families. Our organization recognizes that financial hardship often prevents families from accessing quality extracurricular and developmental programs for their children. To address this barrier, our programs are intentionally designed to serve and uplift economically disadvantaged youth in the following ways:

1. Eliminating Cost Barriers:

We will offer low- or no-cost participation in sports programs such as football, wrestling, track & field, and girls' flag football. Funding support will cover essential expenses, including league fees, uniforms, equipment, and transportation, ensuring that no child is turned away due to their family's financial situation.

2. Accessible Community-Based Programming:

We will bring children directly to practice, games, and events using community transportation support or volunteer ride coordination, removing transportation as a barrier. Programs will be hosted in accessible locations within Cleveland Heights, intentionally targeting neighborhoods with high concentrations of low/moderate-income families.

3. Focused Outreach and Engagement:

Our outreach efforts will prioritize under served populations by working with local schools, housing developments, social service agencies, and faith-based organizations to identify families in need and directly connect them with our services.

4. Holistic Family Support:

In addition to athletic training, children will receive access to academic support, mental health resources, and life skills development. Parents will be engaged through coaching on parenting skills, emotional wellness, and resource navigation, strengthening the entire family unit.

5. Data-Driven Equity Impact:

We will track participant demographics to ensure that the majority of those served fall within HUD's low/moderate-income thresholds, in compliance with federal guidelines. This will support transparent reporting and demonstrate our direct impact on economic equity.

Summary:

Low/moderate-income children and families will be served by removing financial and logistical barriers to participation, delivering holistic support services, and creating a safe, structured environment that promotes their social, emotional, and academic development. Through these efforts, the Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Sports Association will make long-term investments in the well-being and potential of our community's most vulnerable youth.

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

The Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Empowerment through Sports Initiative is strategically designed to align with the broader goals and values of the Cleveland Heights community and complements a number of ongoing public, nonprofit, and grassroots initiatives focused on youth development, public safety, health, and equity.

Community Alignment

Cleveland Heights is a diverse, vibrant city with a strong focus on inclusion, education, wellness, and community building. However, many of its neighborhoods—particularly those with high concentrations of low-to-moderate-income families—struggle with access to affordable and high-quality youth programming. The Youth Empowerment through Sports Initiative directly addresses this gap by offering structured, positive, and enriching activities that support children ages 5–14 in their physical, mental, emotional, and social development.

Our initiative resonates with key community priorities such as:

Youth safety and violence prevention through structured engagement

Equity in access to sports, mental health support, and extracurricular opportunities

Academic and behavioral improvement through sports-based discipline and mentorship

Family and community strengthening by involving parents and volunteers in programming

Collaboration with Ongoing Projects and Services

This initiative does not operate in isolation—it is complementary to and collaborative with other community efforts, including:

Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District initiatives aimed at increasing student engagement, attendance, and performance through extracurricular supports

Local youth-serving nonprofits and mental health providers that offer wraparound services for children facing trauma, behavioral issues, and academic struggles

City recreation department programs that serve younger children or seasonal populations but lack the scope and depth in competitive sports and holistic youth development

County and state-level juvenile diversion programs focused on reducing youth crime and increasing community safety through positive behavioral reinforcement

Our programming is uniquely positioned to fill in the gaps between educational systems, mental health support, and recreational services by using sports as a gateway to empowerment and transformation. We also plan to actively partner with local schools, neighborhood centers, and social service agencies to ensure children and families are referred into our program and receive coordinated support.

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

The Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Sports Association intends to create 2 Executive and 2 Administrative Full Time Positions in the immediate future (by January 2026) with all funding.

Address of Entity: 12956 Cedar Road Cleveland Heights Ohio 44118

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:

The Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Empowerment through Sports Initiative is more than a youth sports program—it is a transformational platform designed to drive long-term change and inspire future community-centered initiatives. By leveraging the power of athletics to promote social-emotional development, educational support, mental health awareness, and positive identity building, this initiative establishes a replicable model of community engagement, empowerment, and impact.

Laying the Groundwork for Expanded Youth Development Infrastructure

The initiative will serve as a catalyst for future youth-focused efforts by demonstrating the effectiveness of structured, inclusive, and holistic programming that engages children ages 5–14 in physical, emotional, and academic growth. Through the success of this program, Cleveland Heights can build a case for:

Expanded youth enrichment services, including after-school tutoring, life skills training, career exploration, and mentorship

Community mental health initiatives targeting early intervention and trauma-informed care for children and families

Investment in safe recreational infrastructure, including upgraded parks, gyms, and safe play environments

Culturally competent family support programs that address the needs of low-to-moderate income and minority households

Creating Opportunities for Collaboration and Investment

The initiative's emphasis on inter-agency collaboration with schools, social service providers, juvenile courts, and local government will build a stronger, more integrated system of care for youth. Its success will demonstrate the potential for public-private partnerships, attracting future investment from local businesses, foundations, and civic leaders who see the value in youth development as a pillar of community revitalization.

By promoting diversity in sports—including the addition of girls' flag football, wrestling, and track—this initiative challenges traditional gender roles and paves the way for more inclusive, gender-equitable programming. It encourages community dialogue around equity, access, and youth voice, laying the groundwork for broader advocacy efforts and policy change.

Inspiring Leadership and Community Ownership

One of the initiative's long-term goals is to develop youth leaders and mentors who return to serve

their community. Through consistent exposure to teamwork, discipline, and accountability, participants will build a foundation of leadership skills that prepare them to become positive role models, coaches, and future community leaders. This intergenerational impact strengthens community bonds and supports a cycle of resilience and empowerment.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Total Budget of Project:
\$150,000.00

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

The Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Sports Association will conduct other fundraising events such as Helmet Drives, Concession stand sales, bake sales, online popcorn, donut and candy bar sales. The Association also intends to solicit financial support from surrounding businesses in the area.

Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars: \$25,000

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

The Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Empowerment through Sports Initiative has been strategically designed with a long-term sustainability plan in mind, ensuring that the impact of this transformative youth development program will continue well beyond the availability of one-time American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The initial investment will serve as the foundation to build robust infrastructure, strengthen partnerships, and position the program for ongoing community support and growth.

1. Diversified Funding Strategy

To ensure financial sustainability, the organization has developed a multi-tiered funding approach that includes:

Grant Writing and Philanthropic Support: Leveraging the success and data from the initial ARPA-funded period, the Association will actively pursue grants from local foundations (e.g., Cleveland Foundation, Gund Foundation), corporate sponsors, and national youth development funds.

Community Sponsorships and Partnerships: Establishing partnerships with local businesses and

corporations to provide sponsorship opportunities for teams, uniforms, events, and equipment in exchange for brand visibility and community engagement.

Fee-Based Participation Model with Equity Supports: Implementing a tiered registration fee system, where families with the means to pay contribute toward program costs, while scholarships and subsidies will continue to be available for low- and moderate-income participants through fundraising and donor support.

Annual Fundraising Events: Hosting seasonal fundraisers such as community sports tournaments, banquets, raffles, and online giving campaigns to generate recurring income and engage community stakeholders.

2. Volunteer and Community Engagement

The Initiative is building a strong volunteer base consisting of parents, alumni, and community members to reduce personnel costs while increasing community ownership and involvement. Volunteer coaches, mentors, and support staff will be trained and equipped to carry out key programming roles. Local high school and college students will also be recruited as interns, adding manpower and helping grow future youth development professionals.

3. Partnership with Schools and Institutions

The program will continue to deepen its collaborations with local schools, Cuyahoga County agencies, and educational institutions to share resources such as facilities, transportation, and wraparound services. Formalizing Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with partner organizations will support cost-sharing and integration with broader youth services.

4. Program Evaluation and Data-Driven Improvement

To remain competitive for future funding, the program will maintain a rigorous evaluation process, tracking key metrics such as attendance, behavior improvement, school performance, and family engagement. This data will be used to demonstrate impact, adapt programming to meet changing needs, and attract ongoing investment from funders and stakeholders.

5. Creation of a Youth Empowerment Endowment Fund

With initial funding as a launchpad, the Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Sports Association will explore the creation of an endowment fund in partnership with local philanthropic organizations. This fund will serve as a long-term financial safety net, generating passive income to support operations, scholarships, and expansion efforts over time.

DISCLAIMER INFORMATION AND SIGNATURE:

Disclaimer:

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Printed Name:

Timothy D. Doherty

Signature:



Date:

5/31/25

Additional Documents

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



RQ#: _____

Independent Contractor/Worker Acknowledgment

In accordance with requirements from the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS), Cuyahoga County is required to obtain an acknowledgment of Independent Contractor Status.

A "Business Entity" means an entity with five or more employees that is a corporation, association, firm, limited liability company, partnership, sole proprietorship, or other entity engaged in business. All individuals employed by the business entity who provide personal services to the public employer are not public employees for purposes of this purchase/contract. Cuyahoga County does not consider the individual/business employee/s a public employee and no contributions will be made to the public employee's retirement system for the services. (O.R.C. 145.036, 145.037).

Company Name (*Please print formal business name clearly*): _____

- ☐ The above company is defined as a Business Entity as described above (O.R.C 145.037)
- ☐ If the above company is NOT defined as a Business Entity as described above (O.R.C 145.037),
Then please complete the attached Independent Contractor form.
- ☐ If the above company is NOT defined as a Business Entity as described above (O.R.C. 145.037), is the above company an OPERS benefit recipient?
If yes, please complete the Notice of Re-Employment or Contract Services of an OPERS Benefit Recipient Form.

Signature: _____

Name (*Please print clearly*): _____

Date: _____

(DoP 6/14/23)



ANNUAL NON-COMPETITIVE BID CONTRACT STATEMENT

This statement, properly executed and containing all required information, must be completed annually. **IF YOU FAIL TO COMPLY, YOUR PROPOSAL WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

Entity name: Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Sports Association Inc
Entity Address: 12956 Cedar Road Cleveland Heights, OH 104418

COMPLETE SECTION I, II, OR III BELOW, WHICHEVER IS APPROPRIATE, AND SECTION IV.

NOTE: For purposes of this Statement, "Executive" means Chris Ronayne, and "Executive's Committee" means the Friends of Chris Ronayne.

SECTION I: NON-PROFIT CORPORATIONS

If you are recognized by the IRS as a non-profit corporation, go to Sections III and IV.

SECTION II. INDIVIDUALS, SOLE PROPRIETORSHIPS, PARTNERSHIPS, INCORPORATED PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATIONS, ESTATES AND TRUSTS

The above-named entity is a (mark one):

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP | <input type="checkbox"/> TRUST |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INCORPORATED PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION | <input type="checkbox"/> ESTATE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION | <input type="checkbox"/> PARTNERSHIP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY | <input type="checkbox"/> JOINT VENTURE |

For purposes of Section II, a "principal" means an individual, an owner, a partner, a shareholder, a member, an administrator, an executor or trustee connected with the above-named entity, or the spouse of any of them.

MARK THE APPROPRIATE PARAGRAPH. If paragraph (B) is checked, Cuyahoga County is prohibited by Section 3517.13 of the Ohio Revised Code from awarding a non-competitively

bid contract over \$500.00 to the entity during the current calendar year unless County Council makes a direct award.

- ☐ (A) NO ONE PRINCIPAL of the above-named entity made one or more contributions to the Executive or the Executive's Committee during the two previous calendar years (January 1st of year one to December 31st of year two) that totaled more than \$1,000.00 per individual
- ☐ (B) ONE OR MORE PRINCIPALS of the above-named entity made, as individual(s), one or more contributions to the Executive or the Executive's Committee during the two previous calendar years (January 1st of year one to December 31st of year two) that totaled more than \$1,000.00

SECTION III. NON-PROFIT AND FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS AND BUSINESS TRUSTS

☒ NON-PROFIT CORPORATION ☐ FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION

☐ BUSINESS TRUST (OTHER THAN INCORPORATED PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS)

For purposes of Section III, a "principal" means an individual or an entity owning more than 20% of the corporation or business trust or the spouse of any such individual.

MARK THE APPROPRIATE PARAGRAPH. If paragraph (C) is checked, Cuyahoga County is prohibited by Section 3517.13 of the Ohio Revised Code from awarding a non-competitively bid contract over \$500.00 to the entity during the current calendar year unless County Council makes a direct award. If paragraph (D) is checked, Cuyahoga County is prohibited by Section 3599.03 from awarding a contract to the non-profit corporation.

- ☐ (A) NO INDIVIDUAL or entity owned more than 20% of the corporation or business trust during the two previous calendar years (January 1st of year one to December 31st of year two)
- ☒ (B) NO PRINCIPAL of the above-named entity made, as an individual, one or more contributions to the Executive or the Executive's Committee during the two previous calendar years (January 1st of year one to December 31st of year two) that totaled more than \$1,000.00
- ☐ (C) ONE OR MORE PRINCIPALS of the above-named entity made one or more contributions to the Executive or the Executive's Committee during the two previous calendar years (January 1st of year one to December 31st of year two) that totaled more than \$1,000.00
- ☐ (D) FUNDS OF THE NON-PROFIT CORPORATION were contributed to the Executive or the Executive's Committee at any time

SECTION IV. ALL ENTITIES MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION

I do hereby state that I have legal authority to complete this statement on behalf of the above-named entity and to the best of my knowledge and belief the answers herein are true and complete.

Print Name: Timothy Dobbins # Print Title: Director

Signature: [Signature] Date: 5/31/25

STATE OF Ohio)
COUNTY OF Cuyahoga)

SS:



COURTNEY DOBBINS
Notary Public, State of Ohio
Commission No. 2025-RE-889037
My Commission Expires
April 7, 2030

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the above-named [Signature], who acknowledged that they did sign the foregoing statement and that the same is their free act deed, personally and as duly authorized representative of Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Sports, and the free act and deed of the entity on whose behalf they signed.

Notary Public: [Signature]

Date: 5/31/2025



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
07/24/2024

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER
SADLER & COMPANY, INC.
P.O. BOX 5866
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29250-5866

CONTACT NAME: Sports Dept
PHONE (A/C, No. Ext): 800-622-7370 | FAX (A/C, No): 803-256-4017
E-MAIL ADDRESS: ayf@sadlersports.com
PRODUCER CUSTOMER ID#:

INSURED
AMERICAN YOUTH FOOTBALL, INC. AND
AMERICAN YOUTH CHEER AS MEMBERS OF
Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Sports Association, Inc
c/o Michael Cordell Payne
2183 Brockway Road
2183 Brockway Road
University Heights, OH 44118

Application ID: 428407

INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE	NAIC #
INSURER A: State National Insurance Company	12831
INSURER B: Zurich American Insurance Company	16535
INSURER C:	
INSURER D:	

COVERAGES

CERTIFICATE NUMBER

REVISION NUMBER

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN. THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSR	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
A	GENERAL LIABILITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: <input type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC			OVE-0001261-00	09:17AM ET 07/24/2024	09:17AM ET 07/24/2025	EACH OCCURRENCE \$1,000,000 DAMAGE TO PREMISES RENTED TO YOU (Ea occurrence) \$300,000 PREMISES MEDICAL PAYMENTS EXCLUDED PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$1,000,000 GENERAL AGGREGATE \$3,000,000 PRODUCTS- COMP/ OP AGG \$1,000,000 LEGAL LIAB TO PARTICIPANTS \$1,000,000
C	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO <input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NON- OWNED AUTOS			OVE-0001261-00	09:17AM ET 07/24/2024	09:17AM ET 07/24/2025	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea Accident) \$1,000,000 BODILY INJURY (Per person) BODILY INJURY (Per accident) PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident)
A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEXUAL ABUSE / MOLESTATION			OVE-0001261-00	09:17AM ET 07/24/2024	09:17AM ET 07/24/2025	EACH OCCURRENCE \$1,000,000 AGGREGATE \$2,000,000
	<input type="checkbox"/> UMBRELLA LIAB <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> EXCESS LIAB <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS- MADE <input type="checkbox"/> DEDUCTIBLE <input type="checkbox"/> RETENTION			N/A	N/A	N/A	EACH OCCURRENCE N/A AGGREGATE N/A
	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR / PARTNER / EXECUTIVE OFFICER / MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below			N/A			<input type="checkbox"/> WC STATUTORY LIMITS <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT E.L. DISEASE - EA EOMLOYEE E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT
B	PARTICIPANT ACCIDENT			ZPX0000556385901	09:17AM ET 07/24/2024	09:17AM ET 07/24/2025	EXCESS MEDICAL \$100,000 DEATH + SPECIFIC LOSS \$10,000 DEDUCTIBLE \$500

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (Attach ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, if more space is required)

RE: COVERED SPORTS

NOTE: The maximum number of players cannot exceed 36 players per team. Tackle Football - 7u Division (1 teams), Tackle Football - 9u Division (1 teams), Tackle Football - 11u Division (1 teams), Cheer / Dance / Step / Majorette Squads / Inspiration - Class 1 (no charge) (3 teams)

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

CANCELLATION

EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE (company A)

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE (company B)

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2025-0214

Sponsored by: **County Executive Ronayne/Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Cuyahoga Job and Family Services**

A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Master Contract with various providers for a summer youth employment program for low-income, TANF-eligible youth, ages 14-24, for the period 11/1/2024 – 12/31/2025, to add Exhibit I-A representing the budget for the amendment term, and for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed \$857,746.00; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

WHEREAS, the County Executive/ Department of Health and Human Services/Cuyahoga Job and Family Services recommends an amendment to a Master Contract with various providers for a summer youth employment program for low-income, TANF-eligible youth, ages 14-24, for the period 11/1/2024 – 12/31/2025, to add Exhibit I-A representing the budget for the amendment term, and for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed \$857,746.00 as follows:

- a) Contract No. 4786 with Youth Opportunities Unlimited in the amount not-to-exceed \$857,746.00; and
- b) Contract No. 4787 with Verge, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$0; and

WHEREAS, the primary goals of this project are (a) provide workforce services to youth and young adults ages 14-24 and (b) provide work experiences enriched with training opportunities that will serve as a significant pipeline to career pathway credential training programs offered throughout the community; and; and

WHEREAS, the project is funded 100% Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue.

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

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby authorizes an amendment to a Master Contract with various providers for a summer youth employment program for low-income, TANF-eligible youth, ages 14-24, for the period 11/1/2024 – 12/31/2025, to add Exhibit I-A representing the budget for the amendment term, and for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed \$857,746.00 as follows:

- a) Contract No. 4786 with Youth Opportunities Unlimited in the amount not-to-exceed \$857,746.00; and
- b) Contract No. 4787 with Verge, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$0; and

SECTION 2. That the County Executive is authorized to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution.

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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: June 10, 2025

Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

Journal _____
_____, 20____

PURCHASE-RELATED TRANSACTIONS

Title	HHS-Cuyahoga County Job and Family Services; Contract amendment- RQ 14356; Youth Opportunities Unlimited and Verge, Inc., Summer Youth Employment Program for time effective upon signature-12/31/2025.
Department or Agency Name	Cuyahoga Job and Family Services
Requested Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Lease <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment <input type="checkbox"/> Revenue Generating <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase Order <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):

Original (O)/ Amendment (A-#)	Contract No. (If PO, list PO#)	Vendor Name	Time Period	Amount	Date BOC/Council Approved	Approval No.
O		Various Vendors- see below	11/1/2024 – 12/31/2025	\$5,900,000.00	11/26/2024	R2024-0386
	4786	Youth Opportunities Unlimited		\$5,200,000.00		
	4787	VERGE, Inc.		\$700,000.00		
A-1		Amending various Vendors- see below	Effective upon Signature- 12/31/2025	\$857,746.00	Pending	Pending
	4786	Youth Opportunities Unlimited- add funds		\$857,746.00		
	4787	VERGE, Inc.		\$0.00		

Service/Item Description (include quantity if applicable). Cuyahoga Job and Family Services is requesting approval of an amendment to the master contract with Youth Opportunities Unlimited and Verge, Inc. to operate the Summer Youth Employment Program serving low-income, in-school, TANF-eligible youth ages 14-24. This amendment is to add funding to Y.O.U for the anticipated cost of \$857,746.00– effective upon signature-12/31/2025.	
Indicate whether: <input type="checkbox"/> New service/purchase <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing service/purchase <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement for an existing service/purchase (provide details in Service/Item Description section above)	
For purchases of furniture, computers, vehicles: <input type="checkbox"/> Additional <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement Age of items being replaced: _____ How will replaced items be disposed of? N/A	

Project Goals, Outcomes or Purpose (list 3):

- To increase the employability of TANF-eligible youth by providing a summer work experience which will result in improved soft skills necessary for success in the workplace
- To increase the ability of TANF-eligible youth to compete in the current job market by developing a work history and obtaining a positive job reference
- To improve TANF-eligible youth job retention in paid, unsubsidized employment by enhancing workplace skills and offering youth the opportunity to obtain quality, full time employment with benefits.

In the boxes below, list Vendor/Contractor, etc. Name, Street Address, City, State and Zip Code. Beside each vendor/contractor, etc. provide owner, executive director, other (specify)

Vendor Name and address:	Owner, executive director, other (specify):
Youth Opportunities Unlimited 1228 Euclid Ave, Suite 200 Cleveland, OH 44115	Craig Dorn, CEO
Vendor Council District: 07	Project Council District: Countywide
Vendor Name and address:	Owner, executive director, other (specify):
VERGE Inc. 1325 Carnegie Avenue, 2nd Floor Cleveland, OH 44115	Shaun Woods, President
Vendor Council District: 07	Project Council District: Countywide

COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT	NON-COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT
RQ# _____ (Insert RQ# for formal/informal items, as applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> RFB <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RFP <input type="checkbox"/> RFQ <input type="checkbox"/> Informal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Formal Closing Date: _____	Provide a short summary for not using competitive bid process. *See Justification for additional information.
The total value of the solicitation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Exemption
Number of Solicitations	<input type="checkbox"/> State Contract, list STS number and expiration date <input type="checkbox"/> Government Coop (Joint Purchasing Program/GSA), list number and expiration date
Participation/Goals (%): () DBE () SBE () MBE () WBE. Were goals met by awarded vendor per DEI tab sheet review? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, please explain.	<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Source <input type="checkbox"/> Public Notice posted by Department of Purchasing. Enter # of additional responses received from posting ().

If no, has this gone to the Administrative Reconsideration Panel? If so, what was the outcome? N/A	
Recommended Vendor was low bidder: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, please explain:	<input type="checkbox"/> Government Purchase
	<input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Procurement Process
How did pricing compare among bids received?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract Amendment - (list original procurement) Master Contract Amendment 1
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Procurement Method, please describe:

Is Purchase/Services technology related <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. If yes, complete section below:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if item on IT Standard List of approved purchase.	If item is not on IT Standard List state date of TAC approval:
Is the item ERP related? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, answer the below questions.	
Are the purchases compatible with the new ERP system? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, please explain.	

FUNDING SOURCE: Please provide the complete, proper name of each funding source (No acronyms). Include % for each funding source listed.
100% Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
Is funding for this included in the approved budget? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (if "no" please explain):
List all Accounting Unit(s) upon which funds will be drawn and amounts if more than one accounting unit. HS260195/55130/UCH08300
Payment Schedule: <input type="checkbox"/> Invoiced <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> One-time <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain):

Provide status of project. Recurring service/purchase.	
Is contract/purchase late <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, In the fields below provide reason for late and timeline of late submission	
Reason: N/A	
Timeline N/A	
Project/Procurement Start Date (date your team started working on this item):	
Date documents were requested from vendor:	
Date of insurance approval from risk manager:	
Date Department of Law approved Contract:	
Detail any issues that arose during processing in Infor, such as the item being disapproved and requiring correction:	
If late, have services begun? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (if yes, please explain)	

Have payments been made? ☐ No ☐ Yes (if yes, please explain)

HISTORY (see instructions):

Prior Original (O) and subsequent Amendments (A-#)	Contract No. (If PO, list PO#)	Vendor Name	Time Period	Amount	Date BOC/Council Approved	Approval No.
(O)		Various vendors- see below	4/1/22-12/31/23	\$9,397,120.00	5/24/2022	R2022-0216
	2390	Youth Opportunities Unlimited		\$7,997,121.00		
	2389	VERGE, Inc.		\$1,400,000.00		
(A-1)		Amending various vendors- see below	4/1/22-12/31/23	\$0.00	8/15/2022	R2022-0216
	2390	Youth Opportunities Unlimited – allow advance in the amount of \$1,600,000.00		\$0.00		
	2389	VERGE, Inc. – allow advance in the amount of \$230,000.00		\$0.00		
(A-2)	2390	Youth Opportunities Unlimited - add funds only	4/1/22-12/31/23	\$819,123.00	10/2/2022	R2022-0329
(A-3)	2390	Youth Opportunities Unlimited - add funding and to allow for advance payment	4/1/22-12/31/23	\$829,059.00	8/1/2023	R2023-0200
(A-4)		Amending various vendors- see below	1/1/24-10/31/24	\$5,979,175.95	12/5/2023	R2023-0237
	2390	Youth Opportunities Unlimited- add funds and extend TOP		\$5,225,319.00		
	2389	VERGE, Inc.- add funds and extend TOP		\$753,856.95		
(A-5)	2390	Youth Opportunities Unlimited – add funds only	5/1/24-10/31/24	\$800,461.00	8/7/2024	R2024-0244
(A-6)	2390	Youth Opportunities Unlimited – add funds only	5/1/24-10/31/24	\$249,997.33	8/19/2024	BC2024-606

Department of Purchasing – Required Documents Checklist

Upload as “word” document in OnBase Document Management

Infor/Lawson RQ# (if applicable):	14356
Buyspeed RQ# (if applicable):	N/A
Infor/Lawson PO # Code (if applicable):	AMND
CM Contract#	CM 4786

Late Submittal Required:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Why is the contract being submitted late?		
What is being done to prevent this from reoccurring?		

TAC or CTO Required or Authorized IT Standard	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Contract Amendments Reviewed by Purchasing				
Summer Youth Employment - Y.O.U.			Department Initials	Purchasing
Briefing Memo			DA	EB
Justification Form			DA	EB
IG#	25-0097-REG; Exp. 12/31/2029		DA	EB
Annual Non-Competitive Bid Contract Statement <i>(Not required if item was competitively bid. Form is also not required if going to BOC or Council for approval)</i>	Date:		N/A	N/A
Debarment/Suspension Verified	Date:	5.2.2025	DA	EB
Auditor's Findings	Date:	5.2.2025	DA	EB
Independent Contractor (I.C.) Form	Date:	8.8.2024	DA	EB
Cover - Master contracts only			DA	EB
Contract Evaluation – if required provide most recent CM history on contract history table (see pg 2)			DA	EB
TAC/CTO Approval or IT Standards <i>(if required attach and identify relevant page #s or meeting approval number)</i>			N/A	N/A
Checklist Verification			DA	EB

Other documentation may be required depending upon your specific item

Glossary of Terms at: <https://intranet.cuyahoga.cc/policies-procedures/procurement-information>

Reviewed by Law	
Summer Youth Employment – Y.O.U.	Department Initials
Agreement/Contract and Exhibits	DA
Matrix Law Screen shot	DA
COI	DA – expires 6/1/2025
Workers' Compensation Insurance	DA
Original Executed Contract (containing insurance terms) & all executed amendments	DA

Department of Purchasing – Required Documents Checklist

CONTRACT SPENDING PLAN

Time Period	Accounting Unit	Account Number	Activity Code	Account Category or Subaccount	Dollar Amount
Effective upon signature – 12/31/2025	HS260195	55130	UCH08300	55130	\$857,746.00
			TOTAL		\$857,746.00

CONTRACT HISTORY (see Contract Evaluation, if applicable/ to be completed by Department)

CE/AG# (if applicable)		N/A			
Infor/Lawson PO# and PO Code (if applicable)		RFP			
Lawson RQ# (if applicable)		14356			
CM Contract#		4786			
	Original Amount	Amendment Amount (if applicable)	Original Time Period/Amended End Date	BOC/ Resolution Approval Date	BOC/ Resolution Approval #
Original Amount: <i>Master Agreement (CM#4786 & CM 4787)</i>	\$5,900,000.00		11/1/2024-12/31/2025	11/26/2024	R2024-0386
Prior Amendment Amounts (list separately) (A-#)		\$			
		\$			
		\$			
Pending Amendment: (CM 4786) (A-#1)		\$857,746.00	Effective upon signature-12/31/2025	Pending	Pending
Total Amendments		\$857,746.00			
Total Contract Amount: Master Agreement (CM#4786 & CM 4787)		\$6,757,476.00			

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Prior Resolutions:	R2024-0386
CM#:	4786
Vendor Name:	Youth Opportunities Unlimited
Time Period:	11/1/2024 – 12/31/2025
Amount:	\$857,746.00
History/CE:	Ok
EL:	Ok
Purchasing Notes:	

Department of Purchasing – Required Documents Checklist

Purchasing Agents Initials and date of approval	EB 5/9/2025
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CONTRACT EVALUATION FORM

Contractor	Youth Opportunities Unlimited				
Current Contract History: CE/AG# (if applicable) Infor/Lawson PO#:	CM 4786				
RQ#	RQ 14356				
Time Period of Original Contract	11/1/2024-12/31/2025				
Background Statement	The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds Ohio Means Jobs Cleveland-Cuyahoga County to deliver an array of integrated services to individuals seeking jobs and skills training. The WIOA funds are braided with Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funding to provide the services for youth in the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (CCMEP).				
Service Description	TANF Summer Youth Employment Program serves low-income, TANF-eligible youth between the ages of 14 and 24. The program provides a quality, paid work experience to eligible youth in order to provide participants with an employment history, practical work experience, job skills and knowledge of the workplace.				
Performance Indicators	90% of participants will successfully retain employment. 85% youth program satisfaction 85% employer supervisor				
Actual Performance versus performance indicators (include statistics):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 92% of participants will successfully retain employment. • 85% youth program satisfaction • 81% employer supervisor 				
Rating of Overall Performance of Contractor	Superior	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor
Select One (X)		X			
Justification of Rating	Base on previous performance we expect the vendor to achieve their deliverables.				

Department Contact	Paul Bounds
User Department	CJFS
Date	4/24/2025