



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
4th FLOOR

MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025 — 2:45 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 SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 MEETING

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2025-0274: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Resolution No. R2024-0396 in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, to the Murtis Taylor Human Services System for the relocation of the Students of Promise/Prentiss Place Transitional Living Project from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- b) R2025-0288: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$25,000, to The Spanish American Committee for the Little Footsteps Bilingual Child Enrichment Center Project from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT

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MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 — 3:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Simon asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Schleper, Houser, Jones and Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 16, 2025 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Jones and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2025 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2025-0260: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to PetFix Northeast Ohio, Inc. for the purpose of opening a spay/neuter clinic in Garfield Heights from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Christine Lucco, Executive Director of PetFix Northeast Ohio, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0260. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2025-0260 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Committee members Jones, Schleper and Miller requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- b) R2025-0269: A Resolution authorizing A Master Subgrant Agreement with various School Districts in the total amount not-to-exceed \$1,331,982.00 for the purchase and installation of solar arrays, effective upon signatures of all parties through 12/31/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Master Subgrant agreement and all other documents consistent with said agreement and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
 - a) Contract No. 5525 with Cleveland Municipal School District in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$443,994.00.
 - b) Contract No. 5526 with East Cleveland School District in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$443,994.00.
 - c) Contract No. 5527 with Maple Heights School District in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$443,994.00.

Ms. Valerie Katz, Deputy Administrator of Cuyahoga Green Energy; Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor; and Mr. Matthew Hrubey, Business Services Manager, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0269. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Katz, Mr. McAleer and Mr. Hrubey pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

A motion was then made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Simon and subsequently withdrawn to amend Resolution No. R2025-0269.

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2025-0269 was considered and approved by majority vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading, with Mr. Houser recusing himself from the vote.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to address, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2025-0274

Sponsored by: Councilmember Jones	A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Resolution No. R2024-0396 in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, to the Murtis Taylor Human Services System for the relocation of the Students of Promise/Prentiss Place Transitional Living Project from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County received \$239,898,257 from the Federal Government through the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”); and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County calculated 100% of the ARPA dollars as loss revenue under the U.S. Department of the Treasury Final Rule; and

WHEREAS, since all the ARPA dollars have been calculated as loss revenue, the ARPA dollars have been deposited in the County’s General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive and County Council have authorized \$86 million of the ARPA dollars for community grants to benefit the residents of Cuyahoga County (the “ARPA Community Grant Fund”); and

WHEREAS, of the \$86 million for community grants, \$66 million have been encumbered for equal distribution to each County Council District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. R2024-0396, the Cuyahoga County Council awarded a total sum, not to exceed \$250,000, to the Murtis Taylor Human Services System for the Students of Promise Leadership Academy from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and

WHEREAS, the award made pursuant to Resolution No. R2024-0396 was for the renovation of dormitories and living quarters located at Imani Temple Ministries at 2463 N. Taylor, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118; and

WHEREAS, the Murtis Taylor Human Services System determined to relocate the project to 2435 N. Taylor, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118; and

WHEREAS, the Murtis Taylor Human Services System estimates the total cost of the project remains \$591,000; and

WHEREAS, the Murtis Taylor Human Services System is estimating the start date of the project will be January 2025 and the project will be completed by December 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Murtis Taylor Human Services System requested \$250,000 from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund to complete this project; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to amend its award in the amount not to exceed \$250,000 to the Murtis Taylor Human Services System 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 authorizes an amendment to the award in an amount a not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000 to the Murtis Taylor Human Services System from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the Students of Promise/Prentiss Place Transitional Living Project, now located at 2435 N. Taylor, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118.

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: September 23, 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.): Murtis Taylor Human Services System (fiscal agent on behalf of Students of Promise)	
Address of Requesting Entity: 13422 Kinsman Road / Cleveland, Ohio 44120	
County Council District # of Requesting Entity: District 8	
Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity: 2435 N Taylor / Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118	
County Council District # of Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity: District 10	
Contact Name of Person Filling out This Request: Bob Ivory	
Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity: 10105 Brushwood Drive / Streetsboro, Ohio 44241	
Email: Robert.c.ivory@gmail.com	Phone: 216.324.9154
Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.: 23-7158458	Date: September 5, 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):

The name of the project is *Students of Promise/Prentiss Place Transitional Living*. The Students of Promise organization has been a 11-year partner with the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District in providing a variety of educational services, interventions, social and emotional learning strategies, exposure opportunities, and best practices in an effort to help close the achievement gap with targeted youth. The Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District is grappling with a significant and growing problem: the rise of homelessness among its students. Currently, more than 100 students and their families are identified as homeless, and this number is expected to increase if no immediate action is taken.

In partnership Murtis Taylor Human Services System as the fiscal agent for the project, Students of Promise seeks to address the growing need for emergency housing and supportive services for women and their children, through the creation of a residential facility located at 2435 North Taylor Road in Cleveland Heights, the former convent of St. Louis Catholic Church and School. The facility consists of 15 dormitories, family living space, recreational and programmatic space converted to accommodate up to 15 families in need of emergency placement and temporary housing.

The facility will provide temporary housing for women with children 17 years of age and under, allowing stays of 90 to 120 days. During their residency, families will benefit from individualized case management, life skills development, financial literacy assistance, access to community resources, school and community-based mentoring programming, college/career readiness and exposure opportunities for students, early childhood development, permanent housing placement and supportive services designed to address their unique needs. A trauma-informed and culturally competent approach will ensure that the care provided reflects the specific challenges faced by African American and Latino families and others, who make up a significant portion of the underserved and diverse population in the community. The primary goal is to stabilize families, equip them with the skills and resources necessary for independent living, and secure permanent housing through case management and supportive wraparound services provided by Students of Promise and its various community partners while providing a safe, structured, nurturing living and learning environment.

As the renovation of the dormitories and living quarters is already in progress, the project begins with securing the necessary approvals and funding. A Conditional Use Permit from the City of Cleveland Heights stating the purpose of the facility designated as a transitional housing facility for residential and programmatic use has already been awarded to the project.

The next phase would focus on facility preparation. This would also operational and programmatic support, renovating and upgrading the designated space at Prentiss Place, (named in honor of the late State Senator C.J. Prentiss), to meet the requirements for transitional housing, setting up living quarters, and kitchen facilities, and furnishing and preparing space for supportive services as crucial milestones. This project is needed, not only to feel and service need and gap in the CHUH School District and community, but also as a proactive response to the fact that youth homelessness exacerbates the achievement gap by limiting students' ability to focus on their education, access learning resources, and engage with peers and teachers in a healthy, stable environment. Children without stable housing are at higher risk for developmental delays, mental health challenges, prolonged damage to their self-esteem, and behavioral issues. Additionally, homelessness affects students' ability to participate in extracurricular activities, which are critical for social-emotional development and long-term success. The trauma of homelessness further disrupts their lives, causing toxic stress that hinders their ability to thrive academically and socially.

Project Start Date:
January 1, 2025

Project End Date:
December 31, 2026

IMPACT OF PROJECT:
Who will be served: Served as a result of this project, Prentiss Place will target students identified as homeless within the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District and surrounding areas as referred and vacancies permit.
How many people will be served annually: It is estimated that a total of 80 youth and their families will be served annually based on an average stay of 90 – 120 days.
Will low/moderate income people be served; if so how: Low and moderate-income individuals will be served by this project. One of the placement criteria will strongly reflect but not be limited to those with gross monthly income limits for initial eligibility set at 200% of the federal poverty level.
How does the project fit with the community and with other ongoing projects: Goals within the community in serving the population this project targets include providing comprehensive outreach, student and family engagement, school and community-based mentoring, exposure opportunities, college and career readiness, workforce development and assessment services to families experiencing homelessness including crisis mental health services, health and wellness classes and linkage to permanent housing and supportive services.
If applicable, how many jobs will be created or retained (specify the number for each), and will the jobs be permanent or temporary: With the successful implementation of this project, 4 permanent and 4 part-time jobs will be created.
If applicable, what environmental issues or benefits will there be: The project will serve as a critical resource for homeless women and their children. By addressing the immediate need for housing while providing comprehensive support services, the facility will help families achieve stability and break the cycle of poverty. This proposal answers the urgent call to address homelessness in the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District, where the crisis is having a devastating impact on student achievement and well-being. The long-term success of these families, particularly African American and Latino families, is essential for the social and economic health of the community.
If applicable, how does this project serve as a catalyst for future initiatives: With a targeted focus on transitioning families into permanent living accommodation and housing, the project emphasizes long-term independence rather than short-term solutions. The project's success could also inspire public and private collaborations, influencing housing policies that directly impact school-aged children and creating a ripple effect of new programs aimed at addressing systemic barriers and homelessness experienced in both urban and suburban communities such as Cleveland Heights - University Heights.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Total Budget of Project: \$591,000

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

The project is in the process of applying for funding from the listed sources:

Emergency Grant Solutions Funding (The Ohio Department of Development)

The City of Cleveland Heights

The State of Ohio American Resource Act Dollars

Congressional Directed Spending

The Huron Foundation

The United Black Fund of Greater Cleveland

The Cleveland Foundation

The George Gund Foundation

The Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland

The Char and Chuck Fowler Family Foundation

Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars: \$250,000

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

The sustainability plan for the Prentiss Place focuses on creating a robust and diverse funding strategy to ensure long-term viability. The plan emphasizes applying for Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) from both the City of Cleveland Heights and Cuyahoga County, as well as seeking additional federal, state, foundation and other local grants. To diversify funding sources, the project will develop a strong individual donor program, coordinated fundraisers and explore corporate sponsorships and partnerships.

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.

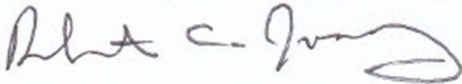
I understand that any willful misrepresentation on this application or on any of the attachments thereto could result in a fine and/or imprisonment under relevant local, state, and/or federal laws or guidelines.

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:

Robert Ivory

Signature:



Date: September 5, 2025

Additional Documents

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

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2025-0288

Sponsored by: Councilmember Sweeney	A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$25,000, to The Spanish American Committee for the purpose of the Little Footsteps Bilingual Child Enrichment Center Project from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County received \$239,898,257 from the Federal Government through the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”); and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County calculated 100% of the ARPA dollars as loss revenue under the U.S. Department of the Treasury Final Rule; and

WHEREAS, since all the ARPA dollars have been calculated as loss revenue, the ARPA dollars have been deposited in the County’s General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive and County Council have authorized \$86 million of the ARPA dollars for community grants to benefit the residents of Cuyahoga County (the “ARPA Community Grant Fund”); and

WHEREAS, of the \$86 million for community grants, \$66 million have been encumbered for equal distribution to each County Council District; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund in the amount of \$25,000 to The Spanish American Committee for the purpose of the Little Footsteps Bilingual Child Enrichment Center project; and

WHEREAS, The Spanish American Committee estimates approximately 110 people will be served annually through this award; and

WHEREAS, The Spanish American Committee estimates the total cost of the project is \$250,000; and

WHEREAS, The Spanish American Committee indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes:

- A. \$50,000 from State Senator Nick Antonio (Pending); and

WHEREAS, The Spanish American Committee is estimating the start date of the project will be August 2025 with no projected completion date at this time; and

WHEREAS, The Spanish American Committee requested \$25,000 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 \$25,000 to The Spanish American Committee 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 \$25,000 to The Spanish American Committee from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the purpose of the Little Footsteps Bilingual Child Enrichment Center project.

SECTION 2. If any specific appropriation is necessary to effectuate this agreement, the Director of the Office of Budget and Management is authorized to submit the requisite documentation to financial reporting to journalize the appropriation.

SECTION 3. That the County Council staff is authorized to prepare all documents to effectuate said award.

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SECTION 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.

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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: October 14, 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.): The Spanish American Committee	
Address of Requesting Entity: 4407 Lorain Ave, Cleveland, OH 44113	
County Council District # of Requesting Entity: District 3	
Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity: 	
County Council District # of Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity: 	
Contact Name of Person Filling out This Request: Ramonita Vargas, CEO	
Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity: 	
Email: Ramonitav@spanishamerican.org	Phone: 216-961-2100
Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.: 34-1028559	Date: 6/4/2025

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):

The Spanish American Committee (SAC) is seeking ARPA Funds to assist with the relocation and expansion of its Little Footsteps Bilingual Child Enrichment Center to a new facility in the historic Blanket Mills Building, a move made possible through a strategic partnership with the Levin Group. Scheduled for August 2025, this transition marks a major milestone in the center's continued commitment to delivering culturally responsive, high-quality early childhood education for Greater Cleveland families.

First established in 1971, Little Footsteps has for 5 decades remained a cornerstone childcare facility providing high quality child enrichment services. The center provides bilingual early learning and educational programming. The center serves children as young as 6 weeks to 10 years of age. As one of the few bilingual childcare centers in Northeast Ohio, Little Footsteps plays a critical role in addressing disparities in early education access for children of diverse backgrounds. The center integrates play-based learning, cultural enrichment, nutritional meals, and developmental screenings within a safe, nurturing, and language-accessible environment. Demand for services has consistently exceeded capacity, and the new facility will allow the center to nearly double its enrollment and expand its programming to meet the needs of more families.

The move to the Blanket Mills Building represents more than a change in location—it's a transformational investment in community infrastructure. The new site will provide updated classrooms, outdoor play areas, and specialized spaces to enhance early learning and care. To fully realize this opportunity, SAC is requesting funding to help cover the essential furnishings, equipment, and child-centered resources necessary to outfit the new facility. This includes age-appropriate furniture, educational materials, sensory toys, technology, kitchen equipment, and safety features to ensure compliance with state licensing and quality standards. By investing in Little Footsteps' expansion, the funds will help strengthen early childhood outcomes, empower families with bilingual and bicultural support, and foster long-term community stability through accessible, high-quality childcare. The Spanish American Committee remains deeply committed to meeting families where they are and building an inclusive, equitable future for all children in Cleveland.

Project Start Date:

8/1/2025

Project End Date:

N/A

IMPACT OF PROJECT:
<p>Who will be served: Families with children will be served; at the current moment, there are over 50 children at the center ranging from infants to toddlers to pre-school aged children.</p>
<p>How many people will be served annually: Annually, the center serves on average 110 children.</p>
<p>Will low/moderate income people be served; if so how: Majority of families served at Little Footsteps Bilingual Child Enrichment Center are low to moderately-low income households who rely on childcare vouchers.</p>
<p>How does the project fit with the community and with other ongoing projects: This project meets a critical community need for quality, affordable childcare and supports the revitalization of the Blanket Mills Building. The expanded center will serve more families from diverse backgrounds and complements local efforts to strengthen early education and workforce development. By increasing access to childcare, the project helps parents stay employed or pursue training, aligning with broader goals of community stability and economic growth.</p>
<p>If applicable, how many jobs will be created or retained (specify the number for each) and will the jobs be permanent or temporary:</p>
<p>If applicable, what environmental issues or benefits will there be: N/A</p>
<p>If applicable, how does this project serve as a catalyst for future initiatives: This project serves as a catalyst for future initiatives by creating a strong foundation for expanded early childhood services and community partnerships. With increased capacity and upgraded facilities, the center can pilot new programs, collaborate with local schools and service providers, and attract additional investment in family-centered initiatives. It positions the Spanish American Committee to lead broader efforts in education, workforce readiness, and neighborhood development—amplifying long-term impact beyond childcare alone.</p>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:
Total Budget of Project: \$250,000.00
Other Funding Sources of Project (list each source and dollar amount separately): Currently, there is no secured funding for this project. a \$50,000.00 commitment has been made by State Senator Nicki Antonio, but is pending.
Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars: \$25,000.00
Since these are one-time dollars, how will the Project be sustained moving forward: The center will be sustainable beyond this initial grant through a combination of ongoing revenue from childcare tuition, public subsidies such as Ohio's Publicly Funded Child Care program, and continued support from local, state, and federal early childhood funding streams. Additionally, the Spanish American Committee will pursue strategic partnerships, grants, and philanthropic support to enhance programming and operations.

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:

Ramonita Vargas

Signature:



Date:

6/4/2025

Additional Documents

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