



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4th FLOOR

MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026—1:00 P.M.

Committee Members

Yvonne M. Conwell, Chair | Dist. 7
Martin J. Sweeney, Vice Chair | Dist. 3
Mark Casselberry | Dist. 4
Michael J. Houser, Sr. | Dist. 10
Robert E. Schleper, Jr. | Dist. 6

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 3, 2025 MEETING

5. MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2025-0348: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000 to Resource Cleveland for the purpose of funding a new component of the Newcomer Navigators Program from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

6. PRESENTATION

- a) Pregnancy Care in the Jail –
- Katie Davis Bellamy, RN, COO, MetroHealth Community Health Centers
 - Jazmine Long, Chief Executive Officer and President Birthing Beautiful Communities

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

8. ADJOURNMENT

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Conwell called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Conwell asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Committee members Conwell, Sweeney, Casselberry and Schleper were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Mr. Houser joined the meeting after the roll call was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 19, 2025 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Casselberry and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2025 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2025-0340: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Master Agreement with various providers for various programs and resources for the Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Initiative for the period 4/1/2024 – 12/31/2025 to extend the time period to 3/31/2027, to amend the terms, and for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed \$971,812.50, effective 1/1/2026; 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. 4269 with Career Development and Placement Strategies, Inc in the amount not-to-exceed \$121,087.83 for the Rising Above program.
- 2) Contract No. 4265 with The Centers for Families and Children (formerly Circle Health Services dba The Centers) in the amount not-to-exceed \$97,667.15 for the Father's and Families Together program.

- 3) Contract No. 4267 with The Children’s Museum of Cleveland in the amount not-to-exceed \$38,969.67 for the Dads Count program.
- 4) Contract No. 4270 with JDC Advertising in the amount not-to-exceed \$85,811.04 for a Public Awareness Campaign.
- 5) Contract No. 4272 with Journey Center for Safety and Healing in the amount not-to-exceed \$141,107.17 for the Safe and Sound Visitation Center.
- 6) Agreement No. 4278 with The MetroHealth System in the amount not-to-exceed \$52,380.69 for the Boot Camp for New Dads program.
- 7) Contract No. 4279 with Murtis Taylor Human Services System in the amount not-to-exceed \$72,691.57 for the Murtis Taylor Fatherhood program.
- 8) Contract No. 4274 with Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center in the amount not-to-exceed \$53,838.55 for the Fathers in the Ring program.
- 9) Contract No. 4271 with Passages Connecting Fathers and Families, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$121,087.79 for the Family Resiliency program.
- 10) Contract No. 4273 with Towards Employment, Incorporated in the amount not-to-exceed \$121,087.79 for the Fatherhood Career Pathway program.
- 11) Contract No. 4275 with University Settlement Slavic Village, LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$66,083.25 for the Healthy Fathering program.

Mr. David Merriman, Director and Mr. Marcos Cortes, Administrator of the Division of Contracts and Performance for the Department of Health and Human Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0340. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Merriman and Mr. Cortes pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Mr. Aldonis Grimes, Director of the Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Initiative, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0340. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2025-0340 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

- b) R2025-0341: A Resolution authorizing a contract with United Way of Greater Cleveland in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,034,158.00 for fiscal agent services and emergency food purchase assistance by hunger centers serving eligible Cuyahoga County residents for the period 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2027; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Contract No. 5739

and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Cortes, Ms. Julie Johnson, Chief Executive Officer of the Hunger Network; Ms. Emma Messett, Hunger relief Program Director and Vontrice Jones, Director of Agency Services for the Greater Cleveland Foodbank, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0341. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Cortes, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Messett and Ms. Jones pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Casselberry, Resolution No. R2025-0341 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.

- c) R2025-0342: A Resolution making an award on RQ15957 to various municipalities and providers in the total amount not-to-exceed \$6,955,043.10 for the Community Social Services Program, effective 1/1/2026 – 3/31/2028; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Master Contract and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
- 1) Contract No. 5553 with Ashbury Community Services, Inc., (dba) Ashbury Senior Computer Community Center in the amount not-to-exceed \$278,775.00 for Digital Literacy services.
 - 2) Contract No. 5557 with Catholic Charities Corporation - Fatima Family Center in the amount not-to-exceed \$387,550.00 for Adult Development and Meals services.
 - 3) Contract No. 5558 with Catholic Charities Corporation - Good Shepherd Family Center in the amount not-to-exceed \$70,998.75 for Adult Development and Meals services.
 - 4) Contract No. 5559 with Catholic Charities Corporation - Hispanic Senior Center in the amount not-to-exceed \$299,547.50 for Adult Development, Meals, Transportation, and Community Outreach services.
 - 5) Contract No. 5560 with Catholic Charities Corporation - St. Martin De Porres Family Center in the amount not-to-exceed \$297,325.00 for Adult Development and Transportation services.
 - 6) Contract No. 5561 with City of Bedford in the amount not-to-exceed \$217,181.25 for Adult Development, Meals, and Transportation services.
 - 7) Contract No. 5562 with City of Berea in the amount not-to-exceed \$175,082.50 for Adult Development and Transportation services.

- 8) Contract No. 5568 with City of Euclid in the amount not-to-exceed \$113,040.00 for Adult Development, Meals, and Transportation services.
- 9) Contract No. 5574 with City of Lakewood in the amount not-to-exceed \$128,250.00 for Adult Development and Transportation services.
- 10) Contract No. 5575 with City of Maple Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$133,362.50 for Adult Development, Meals, and Transportation services.
- 11) Contract No. 5576 with City of Parma-Donna Smallwood Activities Center in the amount not-to-exceed \$28,620.00 for Adult Development services.
- 12) Contract No. 5580 with City of Parma Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$476,875.00 for Adult Development, Meals, Transportation, and Community Outreach services.
- 13) Contract No. 5578 with City of Solon in the amount not-to-exceed \$241,846.88 for Adult Development and Meals services.
- 14) Contract No. 5599 with City of Strongsville in the amount not-to-exceed \$261,112.50 for Adult Development and Transportation services.
- 15) Contract No. 5589 with Community Partnership on Aging in the amount not-to-exceed \$305,709.75 for Adult Development, Innovation, and Transportation services.
- 16) Contract No. 5554 with East End Neighborhood House Association in the amount not-to-exceed \$225,745.97 for Adult Development, Meals and Transportation services.
- 17) Contract No. 5572 with Fairhill Partners in the amount not-to-exceed \$192,825.00 for Adult Development and Meals services.
- 18) Contract No. 5556 with Famicos Foundation, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$185,622.75 for Adult Development, Transportation, and Community Outreach services.
- 19) Contract No.5563 with Harvard Community Services Center, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$244,794.38 for Adult Development, Meals, Transportation, and Community Outreach services.

- 20) Contract No. 5565 with Jennings Center for Older Adults in the amount not-to-exceed \$32,298.75 for Adult Development and Transportation services.
- 21) Contract No. 5566 with Linking Employment, Abilities and Potential in the amount not-to-exceed \$94,500.00 for Adult Development services.
- 22) Contract No. 5590 with The Mandel Jewish Community Center of Cleveland in the amount not-to-exceed \$120,375.00 for Adult Development, Meals and Transportation services.
- 23) Contract No. 5600 with Murtis Taylor Human Services System in the amount not-to-exceed \$264,028.50 for Adult Development, Meals and Transportation services.
- 24) Contract No. 5571 with Near West Side Multi Service Corporation dba May Dugan Center in the amount not-to-exceed \$56,700.00 for Adult Development services.
- 25) Contract No. 5601 with Rose Centers for Aging Well, LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$722,949.75 for Adult Development, Meals and Transportation services.
- 26) Contract No. 5569 with S.T.A.R.S LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$223,875.00 for Adult Day Care and Adult Development services.
- 27) Contract No. 5573 with Senior Transportation Connection in the amount not-to-exceed \$510,300.00 for Transportation services.
- 28) Contract No. 5570 with Silver Connections, LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$68,632.31 for Adult Development, Meals and Transportation services.
- 29) Contract No. 5602 with The Phillis Wheatley Association in the amount not-to-exceed \$24,300.00 for Adult Development and Meals services.
- 30) Contract No. 5603 with The Salvation Army in the amount not-to-exceed \$158,829.75 for Adult Development, Meals and Transportation services.
- 31) Contract No. 5604 with Thea Bowman Center in the amount not-to-exceed \$47,250.00 for Adult Development services.
- 32) Contract No. 5605 with West Side Community House in the amount not-to-exceed \$366,739.31 for Adult Development, Meals and Transportation services.

Mr. Cortes and Ms. Daphne James, Social Program Director of the Division of Senior & Adult Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0342. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2025-0342 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.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 1:59 p.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2025-0348

Sponsored by: Councilmember Sweeney	A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000 to Resource Cleveland for the purpose of funding a new component of the Newcomer Navigators program from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County received \$239,898,257 from the Federal Government through the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”); and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund in the amount of \$10,000 to Resource Cleveland for the purpose of funding a new component of the Newcomer Navigators program; and

WHEREAS, Resource Cleveland estimates approximately 2,000 people will be served annually through this award; and

WHEREAS, Resource Cleveland estimates the total cost of the project is \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, Resource Cleveland is estimating the start date of the project will be November 1, 2025, and the project will be completed by October 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Resource Cleveland requested \$10,000 from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund to complete this project; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding in the amount of \$10,000 to Resource 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 Resource Cleveland from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the purpose of funding a new component of the Newcomer Navigators program.

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

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

SECTION 4. That the County Executive is authorized to execute all necessary agreements and documents consistent with said award and this Resolution.

SECTION 5. If requested or necessary, the Agency of the Inspector General or Department of Internal Audit is authorized to investigate, audit, or review any part of this award.

SECTION 6. To the extent that any exemptions are necessary under the County Code and contracting procedures, they shall be deemed approved by the adoption of this Resolution.

SECTION 7. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter.

Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 8. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: December 9, 2025
Committee(s) Assigned: Health, Human Services & Aging

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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.):	
Re:Source Cleveland (formerly The Refugee Response)	
Address of Requesting Entity:	
2054 W 47th Street, Cleveland OH 44102	
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:	
Will Brown, Development Director	
Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity:	
Email:	Phone:
will@resourcecleveland.org	267-970-1674
Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.:	Date:
30-0594051	10/20/2025

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):

Re:Source Cleveland is requesting \$10,000 in funding to support a new component of our Newcomer Navigators program. Our organization provides support services across seven priority programs for newcomers (refugees, humanitarian parolees, asylees, and those with temporary protected status) to our County. In 2025 we are on track to serve over 2,500 individuals through a range of services. The Newcomer Navigators program is a partnership that provides wrap around support services for families and individuals, often at our office on W47th street and at the County Welcome Center. We work with priority communities of newcomers who need support accessing and signing up for social services benefits, educational and job opportunities. We are seeking your support to open a limited access food pantry site that will be powered by our team and the Cleveland Food Bank. This is a new component of our work that will require us to set up a small space in our office to store, manage, and distribute staple food items to the newcomer clients we work with who are in the most need. \$10,000 in funding from Cuyahoga County Council will help launch this one time build out and project implementation, which in turn will be managed by our Newcomer Navigator support staff and administrative team. Food insecurity is one of the most urgent issues facing our clients, most of whom live in poverty and overcome significant obstacles to find both short and long-term stability. This program is more important now than ever before as SNAP access is being cut and significantly restricted for newcomers due to new federal and state guidance and law. Many of our clients, and as many as 4,000 newcomers in our County face the elimination of their access to SNAP and food assistance programs. We are working hard to help our clients, and in particular the hundreds of children and families in our programs, access the staple food items they need to transition through this next challenging phase. We will not become a large scale food pantry or access point, but know that we can help stabilize our clients homes so that they can continue their journey to living healthy, successful, and stable lives here. We aim to provide food items to 500 individuals and families within the first 6 months of 2026 with the support of this funding, and will continue to provide what support we can on a case by case basis. The project timeline (Start Date and End Date) as listed below refers to the start of offering this service and the anticipated completion of use of funds for the initial build out and food support.

Project Start Date:

November 1, 2025

Project End Date:

October 31, 2026

IMPACT OF PROJECT:

Who will be served:

This program will serve the newcomer clients that Re:Source Cleveland works with. These include resettled refugees, those on humanitarian parole, those with asylum status and those with temporary protected status. Our clients are international newcomers from over 20 countries who face obstacles to accessing and receiving equitable services.

How many people will be served annually:

We aim to serve over 2,000 people annually through this service. Many of these individuals will be served multiple times.

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

Yes. All of our clients are low to moderate income and struggle with poverty, education, stable housing, and employment. Those served by this program were eligible for SNAP and supplemental food access programs, and are all low income.

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

The community we work to support is broad, diverse, international, and complicated. Our clients come from across the county, and in this moment, are in jeopardy of losing the stability they have so diligently, and carefully worked towards. The entire community is better served and supported when we all have opportunities and support structures in place to help us as needed. There are many newcomer serving non-profits, and Cleveland and our County are known for being welcoming, supportive, and international diverse. This program helps reinforce those values and shared good.

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:

Our core work at Re:Source Cleveland is with children, teens, young adults, and families. We believe, and know from experience that when the young people are stable and doing well, that their families will follow suit. Our aim is to continuing ensuring that the newcomer families and young people we work with can stay in school, follow their current pathways to success, and continue with stability to ensure that there is a better future ahead. This new program component helps all of our clients succeed now and in the future.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Total Budget of Project:
\$10,000

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

Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars:

\$10,000

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

Once we build the space and the program we will sustain the program with grant funding as well as private individual donor support. There are many foundations and donors who believe in and support food access and newcomers services in our County and we are confident that we can build the necessary support to continue and potential expand this program in the future.

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:

Will Brown

Signature:



Date:

10/20/2025

Additional Documents

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