



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM

Committee Members:

Michael J. Gallagher, Chair – District 5
Yvonne M. Conwell, Vice Chair – District 7
Patrick Kelly – District 1
Sunny M. Simon – District 11
Michael P. Byrne – District 4

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 5, 2024 MEETING**
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
 - a) R2024-0104: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Cleveland Family Center of Missing Children and Adults for the Northeast Ohio AMBER Alert Committee training event from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
 - b) R2024-0135: Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$27,000, to the City of Euclid for the Euclid HOPE Task Force from the District 10 & 11 ARPA Community Grant Funds and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- 6. PRESENTATION**
 - a) Update from Department of Public Safety and Justice Services

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

8. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024
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C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee members Gallagher, Byrne and Kelly were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee members Conwell and Simon were in attendance after the roll call was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 20, 2024 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Byrne and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2024 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2024-0086: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 4105 (fka Contract No. 2973) with Applewood Centers, Inc. for secure residential treatment services for the period 1/1/2018 – 6/30/2024 to change the terms, effective upon contract signature of all parties, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,941,245.20; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. LaTerra Brown, Business Manager for Juvenile Court; and Mr. Thomas Pipkin, Director of Programming for Juvenile Court, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0086. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Byrne with a second by Mr. Kelly, Resolution No. R2024-0086 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. PRESENTATION

- a) Discussion regarding building security

Mr. Harold Pretel, Sheriff, addressed the Committee regarding the Downtown Safety Patrol Unit, grants received, types of crimes committed by offenders and law enforcement programs. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Sheriff Pretel pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

Ms. Nora Hurley, Deputy Chief Law Director, addressed the Committee regarding the legal agreement with the City of Cleveland. Discussion ensued.

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

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 1:54 p.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2024-0104

Sponsored by: Councilmember Jones	A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Cleveland Family Center of Missing Children and Adults for the Northeast Ohio AMBER Alert Committee training event 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, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund in the amount of \$10,000 to the Cleveland Family Center of Missing Children and Adults for the Northeast Ohio AMBER Alert Committee training event; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Family Center of Missing Children and Adults estimates approximately 1.2 million people will be served annually through this award; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Family Center of Missing Children and Adults estimates the total cost of the project is \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Family Center of Missing Children and Adults indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes potential sold sponsorship;

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Family Center of Missing Children and Adults is estimating the start date of the project will take place in March or April 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Family Center of Missing Children and Adults requested \$10,000 from the District 8 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 Family Center of Missing Children and Adults 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 Family Center of Missing Children and Adults from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the Northeast Ohio AMBER Alert Committee training event.

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 7. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public

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

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

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

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: March 26, 2024

Committee(s) Assigned: Public Safety & Justice Affairs Committee

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COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION:	
Name of Requesting Entity (City, Business, Non-Profit, etc.): Cleveland Family Center of Missing Children and Adults (aka Cleveland Missing)	
Address of Requesting Entity: 2937 W. 25 th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44113	
County Council District # of Requesting Entity: #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: Sylvia Colon, Acting Executive Director	
Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity:	
Email: sylvia@clevelandmissing.org	Phone: 440-773-6096
Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.: 82-3953751	Date: 8/9/2023

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Cleveland Family Center for Missing Children and Adults (aka Cleveland Missing) is a non-profit co-founded by Cleveland kidnapping survivor Gina DeJesus and her cousin Sylvia Colon. Our offices are located at 2937 W. 25th Street in Cleveland, at the intersection of W. 25th and Seymour Avenue, some 300 feet where Ms. DeJesus was held captive for nearly ten years.

Cleveland Missing's mission is:

1. Offer a safe bricks and motor place for families to come for support and resources while searching for a missing loved one.
2. Offer training to law enforcement on how to interact with families of the missing, to include cultural differences.
3. Provide coaching and guidance to the general public on how to work with and support families and friends of the missing.

Since our inception in late 2018, we have helped dozens of families who have or have had missing loved ones. Some of the cases were successful and some people remain missing to date.

As an organization, we have provided substantive training to the public and criminal justice practitioners. Included are two speaking engagements at the Ohio Attorney General's Conference, the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Conference, the New Jersey State Police Missing Persons Conference, and a national crime convention in Austin, Texas.

In 2021, Cleveland Missing entered a partnership with the Northeast Ohio AMBER Alert Committee. The committee was previously under the guise of the Cuyahoga County Public Safety and Justice Services, and it made good sense to combine the two where now the NEO AMBER Alert Committee is under the same umbrella with Cleveland Missing. The NEO AMBER Alert Committee serves nine counties in northeast Ohio: Erie, Huron, Lorain, Medina, Cuyahoga, Medina, Lake, Ashtabula, Geauga, and Portage. The mission of the NEO AMBER Alert is to provide AMBER Alert services to the respective counties, along with review of AMBER Alerts, and biennial free training to criminal justice practitioners.

Since 2014, the NEO AMBER Alert Committee has had 34 successful AMBER Alerts with the safe recovery of the missing child. At present, there is one active AMBER Alert for a boy missing from the City of Cleveland. Our training has proven successful as it has allowed us to streamline operations for agencies to expedite an alert because time is of the essence when it comes to these incidents.

The project request for funding is to allow the NEO AMBER Alert Committee to acquire funding to host the 2024 Northeast Ohio AMBER Alert Committee training in the spring of 2024. Our goal is to keep the training free to criminal justice practitioners to avoid costs having to be borne by their respective agencies. Funding will be used for venue fees, speaker fees, and related administrative fees to advertise, promote, and host the event.

In 2022, our training event had an attendance of over 350 criminal justice practitioners from the nine counties we represent. We had a gold standard of presentations to include our Co-Founders Gina DeJesus and Sylvia Colon, the Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children, Mr. Chris Hansen who hosted the "Catch a Predator" series on NBC Television, and Ms. Beth Holloway, whose daughter went missing in Aruba in 2005 and is still missing to date. It was a tremendous event, and our goal is to try to replicate this to bring awareness to missing persons cases, AMBER Alerts, missing endangered children/adult alerts and blue alerts.

While the training is a one-day event, the impact is then taken back to the respective counties we represent where agencies can better prepare themselves and their communities for incidents that may happen when it comes to a missing person or AMBER Alert.

Securing a venue to house 400 attendees that is centrally located in Cuyahoga County with adequate parking and access is key to the success of this event. Our previous venue was at no cost at the Independence Civic Center, but we have outgrown this location. As such, we expect to have to encumber a fee for our 2024 conference. The 2024 conference will have prominent speakers to help bring awareness to missing persons cases as well as attracting attendees to come and learn more about this important topic.

Project Start Date: March/April 2024

Project End Date: March/April 2024

IMPACT OF PROJECT:

Who will be served:

- 1.) The populations in each of the nine counties represented by the Northeast Ohio AMBER Alert Committee.
- 2.) Law enforcement agencies in the nine counties but predominately Cuyahoga County due to the number of agencies in the county.

How many people will be served annually:

The total population of the nine counties represented by the Northeast Ohio AMBER Alert Committee is 2.4 million people, including 1.2 million people in Cuyahoga County, according to Ohio Demographics.

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

The low/moderate income people will be served as each of the nine counties is impacted by individuals in this category and they are not immune to the challenges of a missing persons case. Those that are impacted may not have the necessary resources to help them attain resources they would not normally have. Bringing awareness to Cleveland Missing and its services is a benefit to everyone.

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

Cleveland Missing has partnerships with other organizations to include the United States Marshals Service, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Ohio Attorney General's Office, the Cleveland Clinic, Ohio Savings Bank, Tiedman C.A.R.E.S., to name a few. We have a strong relationship with the Cleveland media who help our organization when it comes to promoting awareness and broadcasting missing persons cases and AMBER Alerts. In the fall of 2022, we are partnering with the United States Marshals Service to provide clothing to needy families. This event will be held in the parking lot of our offices on W.25th Street.

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:

As Cleveland Missing continues to grow, we hope to become fully funded to hire a fulltime staff as all positions currently are volunteer, less a grant funded law enforcement liaison. As we grow, we hope to continue providing training and awareness to law enforcement and their respective communities on missing persons, investigations, along with providing help to families who are enduring a situation of a missing loved one.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Total Budget of Projects:

\$10,000.00

Cost breakdown:

Anticipated venue fee: \$4,000.00

Speaker fees: 6,000.00

Any leftover funding will be applied toward administrative matters such as printing, refreshments, etc. We expect the speaker fees to exceed \$6,000.00 to be borne by sponsorships to the event.

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

Our other potential funding sources is to sell sponsorships to the event. In 2022 we were only able to raise \$6,000 which barely covered the costs. We expect our costs to rise with venue costs, speaker fees and related expenses.

Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars:

\$10,000.00

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

The goal moving forward will be to apply these dollars toward our biennial training as our organization continues to grow and raise funds. We seek to keep the Northeast Ohio AMBER Alert Committee training free to sustain a large attendance rate where criminal justice entities do not need to encumber expenses of sending personnel to training events.

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:

Sylvia Colon, Acting Executive Director, Cleveland Family Center for Missing Children and Adults

Signature:

Date:

Additional Documents

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

Letter of support, Chief John T. Majoy, Newburgh Heights Police Department and Chairman of the Northeast Ohio AMBER Alert Committee.



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August 9, 2023

Mr. Pernel Jones, Jr., President
Cuyahoga County Council
2079 E. 9th Street, 8th Floor
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Mr. Jones,

I am writing you as the President of the Board of Directors for the Cleveland Family Center for Missing Children and Adults. We are a 501(c)(3) organization co-founded by Gina DeJesus and Sylvia Colon.

As you know, Gina was held against her will for nine years and ultimately rescued. She and her cousin Sylvia have taken action to create this foundation designed to help families who have missing loved ones.

Our organization launched in the fall of 2018, and we are gaining momentum having helped many families since then. In 2021 we partnered with the Cuyahoga County Public Safety and Justice Services and brought the Northeast Ohio AMBER Alert Committee under our guise.

The NEO AMBER Alert Committee provides a valuable service to the community through training of criminal justice practitioners and evaluating alerts to increase efficiency. The committee has been very successful to this and with 34 successful AMBER Alerts since 2014

We are seeking ARPA funding to help our 2024 Cleveland Missing and Northeast Ohio AMBER Alert Committee Conference. We have prominent speakers who deliver an impactful message to raise awareness of missing persons cases and AMBER Alerts.

Since we are a volunteer organization, we need funding to host events like this and seek your assistance with funding.

We are Cleveland and Cuyahoga County strong and hope you can assist us as we continue our mission to help the families and their loved ones.

Sincerely,

John T. Majoy
President, Board of Directors

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2024-0135

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Stephens and Simon	A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$27,000, to the City of Euclid for the Euclid HOPE Task Force from the District 10 & 11 ARPA Community Grant Funds; 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 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund in the amount of \$13,500 and from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund in the amount of \$13,500 for a total amount of \$27,000 to the City of Euclid for the Euclid HOPE Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the City of Euclid estimates the total cost of the project is \$54,000; and

WHEREAS, the City of Euclid indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes:

- A. \$15,000 from Euclid Schools;
- B. \$15,000 from Euclid Public Library;
- C. \$2,000 from the Euclid Hunger Center;
- D. In-kind and other support from Euclid Kiwanis & Euclid Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the City of Euclid is estimating the start date of the project will be April 2024 and the project will be completed by December 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City of Euclid requested \$27,000 from the District 10 & 11 ARPA Community Grant Funds to complete this project; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding in the amount of \$27,000 to the City of Euclid 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.

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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: April 9, 2024

Committee(s) Assigned: Public Safety & Justice Affairs

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COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION:	
Name of Requesting Entity (City, Business, Non-Profit, etc.): City of Euclid – HOPE Task Force	
Address of Requesting Entity: 585 E 222 nd Street, Euclid, OH 44123	
County Council District # of Requesting Entity: District 11, Sunny Simon and District 10, Cheryl Stephens	
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: Kirsten Holzheimer Gail	
Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity:	
Email: khgail@cityofeuclid.com	Phone: (216) 289-2751
Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.: EIN No: 34-6000965	Date: March 20, 2024

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 Euclid HOPE Task Force was created to reduce gun violence in Euclid. The Task Force was created by 3 residents and includes stakeholders including the City of Euclid, Euclid Municipal Court, Euclid Schools, Euclid Hospital, Euclid Chamber of Commerce, Cuyahoga County Board of Health, multiple community organizations and residents. The HOPE Task Force is committed to approaching the challenge of increased gun violence by focusing on local solutions, building on community strengths and assets, and engaging the community to address the underlying problems that contribute to gun violence and crime in the community.

The HOPE Task Force has been working for a year and has convened monthly Task Force meetings, bi-monthly Neighbor Nights, community outreach events, a Peacemakers Bootcamp, and regular communication and outreach. The HOPE Task Force has engaged the Community Innovations Network to facilitate a community engagement and visioning process in the community. This project is a 4 phase facilitated community engagement process that will include:

1. Listening and connecting to the community
2. Sharing what was learning
3. Envisioning a safer future and designing a plan
4. Implementing the shared vision/ community safety plan.

The project will also include a customized evaluation tool and will culminate in a final report of the results.

The total cost of the engagement is \$54,000

City is requesting \$27,000 from Cuyahoga County ARPA funds.

Remaining funds are committed by Euclid Public School and Euclid Public Library with other donations coming from Euclid Hunger Center, Euclid Kiwanis, and other stakeholders.

Community Innovations Network is a resource from Case Western Reserve University for communities and practitioners seeking strengths -based approaches to community change.

Project Start Date:

April 2024

Project End Date:

December 2024

IMPACT OF PROJECT:

Who will be served:

This project will serve the Euclid community – all who reside, work, and visit the city of Euclid will be served. Euclid is a majority-minority community of nearly 50,000 residents.

How many people will be served annually:

Entire community will benefit. All will be invited and encouraged to participate in this community engagement – visioning project. All who reside, work, visit Euclid will benefit from the work.

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

Yes, Euclid is home to large percentage of low/moderate income people who will be served. The median household income (2020 Census) was \$40,342 and 20.5% of the population is below the Poverty level. The goal of the community engagement process is to make sure that all members of the community are heard and at the table when identifying both issues and potential solutions.

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

Safety is a main priority of the City of Euclid and partner institutions that are involved with the HOPE Task Force. Safety is an integral component of all that we do – be it education, economic development, housing, and community development, and building a vibrant community.

The Euclid Master Plan also has a priority vision of “Engage” which calls for engagement to foster a sense of shared community pride and involvement that builds social cohesion.

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:

This project will develop a community driven plan. This plan will catalyze future programs and community work around safety and community engagement. As this process will also include research around best practices, it will identify best practices and can serve as a model for other communities.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Total Budget of Project:

Contract with Community Innovations Network is \$54,000.00

Additional expenses will be needed for meeting expenses, outreach materials, etc.

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

Requesting \$27,000 from Cuyahoga County ARPA to support City of Euclid portion

Other sources of funding include:

Euclid Schools, \$15,000

Euclid Public Library, \$15,000

Euclid Hunger Center, \$2,000

Other support either in-kind or for meeting ongoing expenses from Euclid Kiwanis, Euclid Hospital

Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars:

\$27,000

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

This project with Community Innovations Network is a community engagement process that will involve and engage residents and community stakeholders in taking the lead in identifying and developing solutions that they will help implement. The work going forward will be sustained by community institutions, community agencies, partners, and residents.

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:

Kirsten Holzheimer Gail

Signature:



Date: 3/22/2024

Additional Documents

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

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