



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 5, 2022 MEETING** [See Page 3]
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
 - a) R2023-0002: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$360,000.00, from the Cuyahoga County Community Development Fund to the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation for the maintenance and upgrades for the Cleveland Cultural Gardens located in the City of Cleveland; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 6]
 - b) R2023-0003: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$300,000, to the Association of African American Cultural Gardens for the African American Cultural Garden Monument Project from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 12]
- 6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

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MINUTES
JOINT CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Stephens called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Stephens asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members Stephens, Jones and Baker were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee members Simon and Gallagher were absent from the meeting. Councilmembers Schron, Tuma and Miller was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 17, 2022 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Stephens, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2022 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2022-0416: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$250,000, to the Village of Mayfield for the Civic Center ADA and Energy Efficiency Upgrades Project from the District 6 ARPA Community Grant Funds; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Diane Wolgamuth, Director of Administration for the Village of Mayfield addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0416. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Ms. Baker, Resolution No. R2022-0416 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.

- b) R2022-0431: A Resolution authorizing Affordable Housing Loans to various organizations in the total amount not-to-exceed \$2,500,000.00 for the Affordable Housing Gap Financing Program; authorizing the County Executive and/or Director of Development to execute all documents consistent with said loans and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
- 1) Benjamin Rose or its designee in the amount not-to-exceed \$500,000.00 for the rehabilitation, expansion, and development of 80 new units at the Margaret Wagner Senior Apartments, located at 2373 Euclid Heights Boulevard in the City of Cleveland Heights.
 - 2) CHN Housing Partnership or its designee in the amount not-to-exceed \$500,000.00 for the construction of 50 new units at Cuyahoga TAY a multifamily apartment, located in the Goodrich-Kirtland Park/St. Clair Superior Avenue area in the City of Cleveland for transition-aged youth out of foster care.

- 3) The Finch Group or its designee in the amount not-to-exceed \$500,000.00 for the construction of 53 new units at the Hitchcock Center for Women, located in the St. Clair-Superior area in the City of Cleveland for affordable, permanent, and supportive housing.
- 4) Community Builders, Inc. or its designee in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000.00 for construction of 60 new multifamily, mixed income housing units at the West 25th Street Apartments located in City of Cleveland Clark- Fulton neighborhood.

Ms. Sara Parks Jackson, Deputy Director of Housing and Community Development for the Department of Development; Ms. Mary Marita, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging; Mr. Joe Hall, Vice President of Real Estate Development and Ms. Ellen Kirtner-LaFleur, Senior Project Manager for CHN Housing Partnership; Mr. Wesley Finch, Founder and Chairman of The Finch Group and Mr. Jason Joyce, President and Chief Executive Officer for the Hitchcock Center for Women; and Mr. Greg Zucca, Executive Director of Community Transformation and Real Estate Holdings for The MetroHealth System, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0431. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Parks Jackson, Ms. Marita, Mr. Hall, Ms. Kirtner-LaFleur, Mr. Finch, Mr. Joyce and Mr. Zucca pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

A motion was made by Ms. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Jones and approved by unanimous vote to amend Resolution No. R2022-0431 – Item 1 to amend the project description from “80 new units” to “20 new units and 60 rehabilitated units” throughout the legislation.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2022-0431 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 Stephens adjourned the meeting at 2:59 p.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2023-0002

Sponsored by: Councilmember Conwell	A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$360,000.00, from the Cuyahoga County Community Development Fund to the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation for the maintenance and upgrades for the Cleveland Cultural Gardens located in the City of Cleveland; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Community Development Fund is funded by the gross casino revenues distributed to Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Cultural Gardens consist of 35 built or dedicated existing members, with ten more in development, including a Native American Garden and gardens for Peru, Mexico, Colombia, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Scotland, France, Korea, and Pakistan; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Foundation has indicated that the cost of building a new garden varies greatly but generally exceeds \$100,000 per garden, and structural maintenance of existing gardens can cost thousands of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation anticipates working with the City of Cleveland to provide public bathrooms for the Cultural Gardens in a joint private-public partnership; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding from the Community Development Fund in the amount of \$360,000.00 to the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation for the maintenance and upgrades for the Cleveland Cultural Gardens; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Fund has available proceeds to fund projects that better Cuyahoga County, and maintenance and upgrades to public spaces like the Cleveland Cultural Gardens is an appropriate use of the County's Community Development Fund resources; 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 \$360,000.00 to the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation for maintenance and upgrades of the Cleveland Cultural Gardens located in the City of Cleveland.

SECTION 2. That County Council staff is authorized to prepare all documents to effectuate said award.

SECTION 3. That the County Executive is authorized to execute all necessary agreements and documents consistent with said award and this Resolution.

SECTION 4. 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 5. 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, this Resolution shall become immediately effective.

SECTION 6. 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: January 10, 2023

Committee(s) Assigned: Community Development

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THE CLEVELAND CULTURAL GARDENS FEDERATION

First Garden Dedicated in 1916

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Council Representative Yvonne Conwell
Cuyahoga County Council
2079 E. 9th St.
Cleveland, OH 44115

Council Rep. Conwell:

Oct. 4, 2022

Thank you for your recent request for information about the Cleveland Cultural Gardens and legislation related to sustainability.

As of October, 2022, the Cultural Gardens consist of 35 built, or dedicated, members. Ten more are in development: those from Peru, Mexico, Colombia, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Scotland, France, Korea and Pakistan and the Native American Garden.

We welcome these new members to our full array of cultures and are excited about their contributions to our Greater Cleveland community.

There are major expenses involved in building a Garden and, for existing gardens, upgrading and adding to the monuments and landscaping. The cost of building a new garden varies greatly, depending on the design and number of monuments, but a minimum of at least \$100,000 is standard, just for a first phase. For many, the costs are much higher. (The hiring of a surveyor and architect are part of the costs.) Maintenance can run into the thousands, particularly if a fountain needs to be repaired or other structural repairs need to be made.

The Federation would be happy to assist the individual gardens meet their needs. As of now, there is no funding in our budget for aid to our individual garden members, each of which is managed by a sponsoring organization.

In addition, the CCGF is also hoping we can work with the city to provide bathrooms for the Cultural Gardens, in a joint private-public partnership. There currently are no bathrooms in the park. We greatly appreciate your offer of support. Attached to this letter is our 2022 budget. Our 2023 budget will be approved at our December 19th board meeting.

Thank you.

Lori Ashyk, Executive Director, CCGF

Revenue 2021 & projected 2022

Income 2021	Actual	Projected 2022
Contributions		
Individual	775	1000
Corporate	1000	1000
Gardens	700 (Slovak)	0
Grants		
General operating	125,000 (Park & Cleveland Foundation)	35,000
Programs	20,000 (just 2021 grants, Cleveland & Jules Belkin)	15,000
Technology	10,000 (Cleveland Foundation)	5000
PPP loan	8,267	0
Friends of the Gardens	\$324.95	400
Membership dues	6010	6000
Events	2500	25,000 (gross revenue, gala)
Tours & talks	1245	1500
OWD contribution	0	10,000
Donor appeal	0	3000
Subtotal	175,822	102900
Cash reserve carry over from 2020	36,367	36,367
Balance year-end	212,189	139267
OWD Revenue	64,020 (\$12,000 pending)	96,000
Total	276,209	235,267

Expenses 2021 and projected expenses 2022		2021	Projected 2022
Events			
	Gala	2500	4000
	Holiday party	500	300
	Installation dinner	0	NA
Insurance		3808	4000
Memberships		1400	1400
Office		1489,43	1500
Payroll (plus taxes, soc. Sec., etc.)		53,000	105,000
Flags		3692	1500
Programs		17,208	34,000
Technology (website and mobile hotspot)		3655,88	6000
Marketing		1281	2000
Miscellaneous		1300	1,500
Printing		NA	500
Storage St. Casimir		200	600
		90034,31	161,800
Add OWD		59,137	84,000
Total		149171,2	245,800

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2023-0003

Sponsored by: Council President Jones	A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$300,000, to the Association of African American Cultural Gardens for the African American Cultural Garden Monument 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, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund in the amount of \$300,000 to the Association of African American Cultural Gardens for the African American Cultural Garden Monument Project; and

WHEREAS, the Association of African American Cultural Gardens estimates over 30,000 people will be served annually through this award including approximately 15,000 people who qualify as low to moderate income; and

WHEREAS, the Association of African American Cultural Gardens estimates approximately 50 permanent and temporary jobs will be created or retained through this project; and

WHEREAS, the Association of African American Cultural Gardens estimates the total cost of the project is \$4,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Association of African American Cultural Gardens indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes:

- A. \$325,000 from the Cleveland Foundation
- B. \$350,000 from the City of Cleveland
- C. \$100,000 from the Park Foundation
- D. \$50,000 from Cleveland City Council
- E. \$50,000 from the Holden Foundation
- F. \$40,000 from an Ohio Capital Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Association of African American Cultural Gardens is estimating the start date of the project will be June 2023 and the project will be completed by June 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Association of African American Cultural Gardens requested \$300,000 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 \$300,000 to the Association of African American Cultural Gardens 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 \$300,000 to the Association of African American Cultural Gardens from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the African American Cultural Garden Monument 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.

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: January 10, 2023
Committee(s) Assigned: Community Development

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_____, 20____



**Cuyahoga County
Council**

2079 East 9th Street, 8th Floor • Cleveland Ohio 44115
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COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION:	
Name of Requesting Entity (City, Business, Non-Profit, etc.): The Association of African American Cultural Gardens	
Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 20237, Cleveland, Ohio 44120	
County Council District # of Requesting Entity: 7	
Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity: 890 MLK Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio 44108	
County Council District # of Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity:	
Contact Name of Person Filling out This Request: Lavita Ewing	
Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity: 2928 Sedgewick Road, Shaker Heights, Oh 44120	
Email: lavitaewing@gmail.com	Phone: 216-798-0206
Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.: 90-0791590	Date: 12/15/2022

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):

The African American Cultural Garden Monument Project

We are seeking funds to complete the African American Cultural Garden. The total cost of this project is 4 million dollars. The African American Cultural Garden is one of more than 36 established or planned ethnic cultural gardens that are part of the 100-year-old Cleveland Cultural Gardens and its representative organization, the Cleveland Cultural Garden Federation, which represents diversity and culture. Each area of the African American Garden site is designed as a Journey and represents an interpretation of the African American experience...with an eye to the future. There are three areas, the Past, Present and Future. The "Past" translates the experience of the Trans-Atlantic slave trade through reinterpretation of the corridors and ultimately the Door of No Return that were located along the western coast of Africa. A sandstone portal symbolizes the Door of No Return and the notion of unknown transition, a planned fountain — The Infinity Fountain —represents the illusionary tranquility of the Atlantic Ocean as seen through the original Door of No Return. This part of the design was completed and dedicated in 2016. The Journey continued with a 50 foot granite platform with etchings of the little dipper and north. It is designed to evoke a sense of "emergence." This represents our emergence as a people in this country despite the myriad of challenges — past, present and future. The journey continues with a platform, benches, and a water feature at the MLK end of the design, which provides hope, reflection and the resilience of our ancestors for our future generations to know that dreams can come true in this country. The Cultural Gardens in Rockefeller Park showcase the multi-ethnic heritage of Cleveland's population with the mission of promoting ethnic pride and intercultural understanding. They were dedicated in 1926 with the notion of combating xenophobic thought prevailing at the time which in turn spawned efforts to Americanize immigrants with the aim of extinguishing ways, traditions and heritage of their homeland. In the first half of the 20th century, multiple European ethnic groups were able to establish gardens that honored their cultural heritage. However, even as African-American migrants grew to become the largest single working-class population in the city and the neighborhoods that bordered Rockefeller Park transitioned to become predominantly African-American, the Gardens afforded no space for the representation of Black Clevelanders. Absence of a garden of their own stood as a stark reminder of the limits placed on the ability of black residents to engage fully in local civic life. The effort to establish an African-American Cultural Garden became symbolic of the broader struggle for full rights to the city.¹ The Association of African American Cultural Gardens (AAACG) has embarked on a journey to complete the design that represents the journey of African Americans in this great city. We are honored to be part of the Cleveland Civil Rights Trail and will have a Civil Rights Marker installed on Juneteenth 2023 by the Cleveland Restoration Society.

Project Start Date:

June 19, 2023

Project End Date:

June, 2024

IMPACT OF PROJECT:

Who will be served: The African American Garden will serve the community at large. It is a public space to be enjoyed by the entire greater Cleveland community. It will be a showcase for visitors to visit the garden.

How many people will be served annually: There are over 30,000 individuals that visit the Garden for our One World Day celebration. The African American Garden showcase our culture during this event with ethnic food, dance, storytelling and music. We also celebrate Juneteenth at the Garden with over 500 in attendance. This green space is also used by other organization, families and community leaders.

Will low/moderate income people be served; if so how: The African American Garden is located in the Glenville neighborhood of Cleveland. The median household income in the Glenville neighborhood is \$27,845. It is within walking distance to several schools in the area. It is an idea green space for students to learn about the African American experience and the significance of the African American Cultural Garden design. The garden is a great place to take a bike ride, jog or walk around the 4 acre African American Garden site for the approximately 15,000 people that live in the Glenville area.

How does the project fit with the community and with other ongoing projects:
The Glenville neighborhood has seen its share of struggles for many years, but with the revailization of the neighborhood that started with construction for improved streets and housing rehabilitation it will only be enhanced by the monument of the African American Cultural Garden.

If applicable, how many jobs will be created or retained (specify the number for each) and will the jobs be permanent or temporary: There will be Over 50 individuals working on the construction of the garden.

If applicable, what environmental issues or benefits will there be:
African Americans make up approximately 9.8 percent of environmentalists, this project will help increase African American interest in environmental stewardship.

If applicable, how does this project serve as a catalyst for future initiatives: Located in the heart of Cleveland's inner city, less than one mile from Lake Erie, this beautiful green space can be used to educate people of all cultures on gardening, plant life and preservation of a natural environment. A complete garden with an interpretive monument will attract visitors and others across the region to visit the garden.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**Total Budget of Project:****\$4,000,000.00****Other Funding Sources of Project (list each source and dollar amount separately):****Cleveland Foundation: \$325,000.00****City of Cleveland: \$350,000.00****Park Foundation: \$100,000****Cleveland City Council: \$50,000****Holden Foundation: \$50,000****Ohio Capital Grant: \$40,000****Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars:****\$300,000.00****Since these are one-time dollars, how will the Project be sustained moving forward:**

There will be maintenance funds to ensure the maintenance of the garden for years. The mission of the Association of the African American Cultural Garden is to complete and maintain the garden and to educate regarding the African American experience. We have a strong viable committed organization that will ensure the longevity of the African American Garden.

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:

CARL S. EWING

Signature:

Carl S. Ewing

Date:

12-15-22

Additional Documents

Are there additional documents or files as part of this application? Please list each documents name:
Picture of the completed garden
Picture of Doorway and Corridor of No Return
IRS Determination Letter

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: SEP 17 2013

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN AMERICAN
CULTURAL GARDENS
C/O CARL S EWING
PO BOX 20257
CLEVELAND, OH 44129

Employee Identification Number:
98-0791590

DIN-

302096014

Contact Person:

JULIE CHEN

ID# 31261

Contact Telephone Number:

(877) 829 5500

Accounting Period Ending:
December 31

Public Charity Status:

170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:

Yes

Effective Date of Exemption:

March 15, 2012

Contribution Deductibility:

Yes

Addendum Applies:

Yes

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers, or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

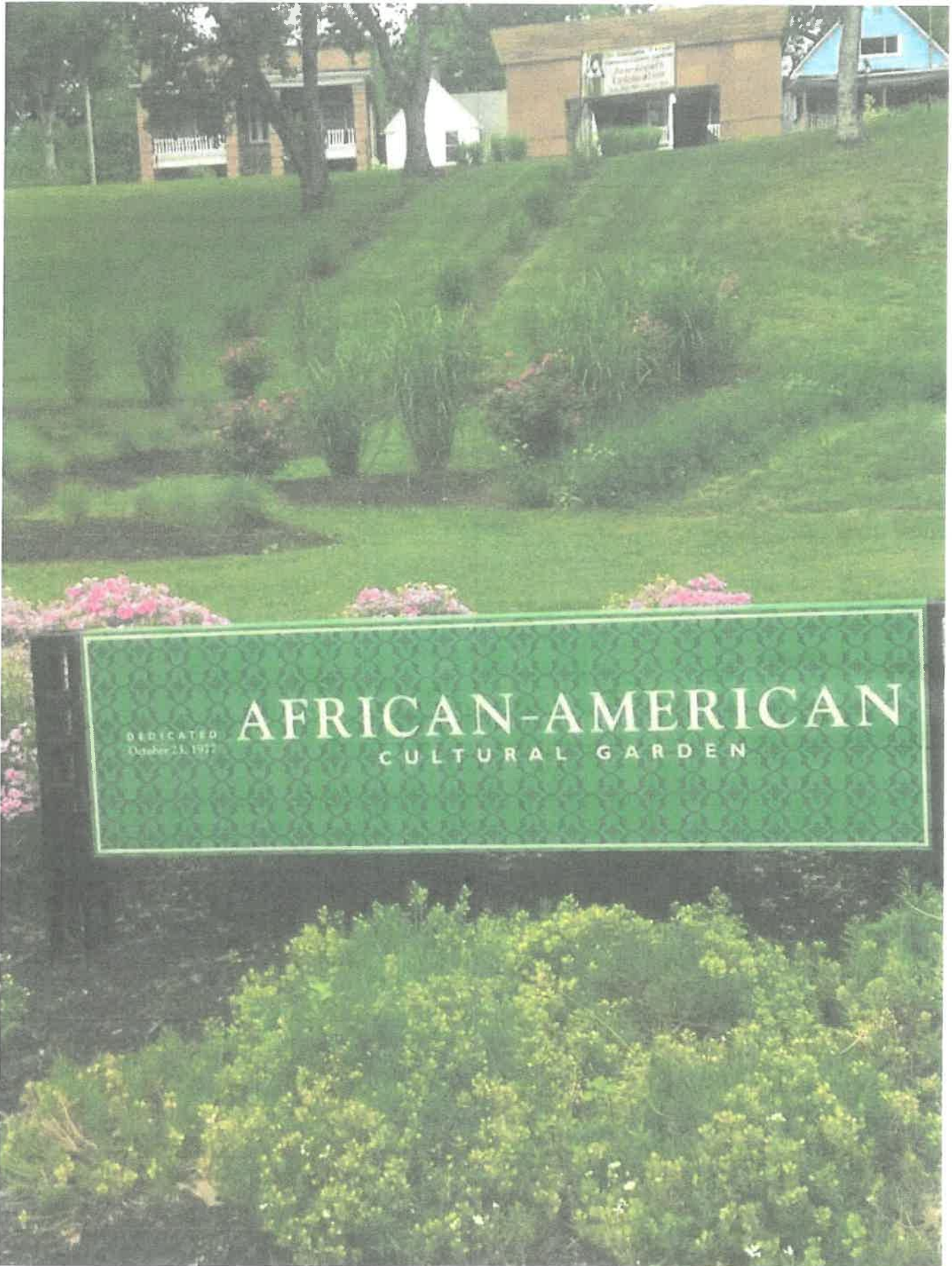
Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC section listed at the top of this letter.

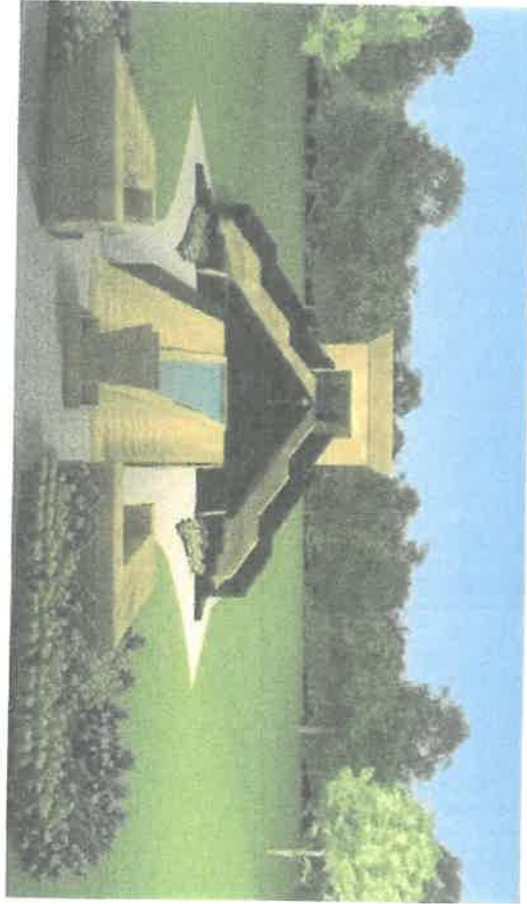
If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4321-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4321-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Letter 949





The African American Cultural Garden