



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM

Committee Members:

Sunny M. Simon, Chair – District 11

Cheryl L. Stephens, Vice Chair – District 10

Pernel Jones, Jr. – District 8

Jack H. Schron, Jr. – District 6

Yvonne M. Conwell – District 7

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 4, 2023 MEETING [See page 3]**
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
 - a) R2023-0279: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$30,000, to the Rid-All Foundation for the Green Partnerships Veterans Training Program from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See page 7]
 - b) R2023-0280: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking for the Human Trafficking Education and Training Program for Schools from the District

9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See page 15]

- c) R2023-0281: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Shaker Schools Foundation for the Aisha Fraser Fund from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See page 24]

6. PRESENTATION

- a) Update on Project Love

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

8. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES

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3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Simon asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Stephens and Jones were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee members Schron and Conwell were absent. Councilmember Sweeney was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Stephens and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2023 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2023-0256: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to Forget Me Not Animal Rescue for food and medical expenses for rescued animals from the District 3 ARPA Community

Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Naomi Gerace, Communications Director for Forget Me Not Animal Rescue; Ms. Gina Lallo, Founder of Forget Me Not Animal Rescue; and Ms. Nicole Kostelnik, Co-Founder of Forget Me Not Animal Rescue, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0256. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Gerace, Ms. Lallo and Ms. Kostelnik pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2023-0256 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Ms. Simon requested to have her name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

- b) R2023-0272: A Resolution authorizing the County Executive to enter into a Local Governance Agreement with the City of Cleveland and a to-be-formed non-profit organization to carry out workforce development activities for the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Area; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Michelle Rose, Executive Director of Ohio Means Jobs Cleveland-Cuyahoga County; and Ms. Laura Chalker, Deputy Director of Ohio Means Jobs Cleveland-Cuyahoga County, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0272. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Rose and Ms. Chalker pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2023-0272 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

6. DISCUSSION

- a) Update on bird mitigation at Huntington Convention Center

Mr. Jeffrey Appelbaum, Managing Director of Project Management Consultants, LLC, addressed the Committee regarding strategies for reducing bird strikes at the Huntington Convention Center. Discussion ensued.

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

b) Items from September 25, 2023 Board of Control Agenda-BC2023-594:

Dept:	County Executive's Office							
Event:	COP28 UAE Thematic Program							
Source:	The United Nations							
Location:	Dubai, United Arab Emirates							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registration *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
Christopher Ronayne	12/01/2023-12/07/2023	\$0.00	\$420.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,300.00	\$4,720.00	General Fund. The Executive's Office is seeking reimbursement using grant funds

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**Staff reimbursement

*** Airfare will be covered by a contract with the County's Travel Vendor

Purpose:

Request to travel to United Nations Climate Conference (COP 28) in Dubai, United Arab Emirates as part of a delegation of leaders from across Cuyahoga County. We plan to attend events at COP28 that focuses on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, designing green urban spaces, protecting our freshwater rivers and lakes, and educating our young people to become better stewards of climate justice efforts.

Dept:	Department of Sustainability							
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Source:	The United Nations							
Location:	Dubai, United Arab Emirates							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registration *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
Valerie Katz	12/01/2023-12/07/2023	\$0.00	\$420.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$2,300.00	\$4,320.00	General Fund. The Executive's Office is seeking reimbursement using grant funds

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Ms. Valerie Katz, Deputy Director of the Department of Sustainability; Mr. John Mitterholzer, Program Director for Climate and Environmental Justice for the Gund Foundation; Mr. Michael Chambers, Fiscal Officer; and Ms. Debbie Berry, Deputy Chief of Staff Integrated Development, addressed the Committee regarding funding requests for travel to the United Nations Climate Conference in Dubai, United Emirates. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Katz, Mr. Mitterholzer, Mr. Chambers and Ms. Berry pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2023-0279

Sponsored by: Councilmember Jones	A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$30,000, to the Rid-All Foundation for the Green Partnerships Veterans Training Program from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
Co-Sponsored by: Councilmember Turner	

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 \$30,000 to the Rid-All Foundation for the Green Partnerships Veterans Training Program; and

WHEREAS, the Rid-All Foundation estimates approximately 15-20 veterans will be served annually through this award; and

WHEREAS, the Rid-All Foundation estimates approximately 3-5 permanent and temporary jobs will be created or retained through this project; and

WHEREAS, the Rid-All Foundation estimates the total cost of the project is \$40,000; and

WHEREAS, the Rid-All Foundation indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes \$10,000 from the Rid-All Foundation in in-kind contributions; and

WHEREAS, the Rid-All Foundation is estimating the start date of the project will be November 2023 and the project will be completed by May 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Rid-All Foundation requested \$30,000 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 \$30,000 to the Rid-All Foundation 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 \$30,000 to the Rid-All Foundation from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the Green Partnerships Veterans Training 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 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: October 10, 2023
Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

Additional Sponsorship Requested on the Floor: October 10, 2023

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COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION:	
Name of Requesting Entity (City, Business, Non-Profit, etc.): Rid-All Foundation	
Address of Requesting Entity: 25411 Tryon Rd. Oakwood Village, Ohio 44146	
County Council District # of Requesting Entity: Ward #5	
Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity: Rid-All Farm 8129 Otter Ave. Cleveland, Ohio 44104	
County Council District # of Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity: Ward #5	
Contact Name of Person Filling out This Request: G. Keymah Durden – Exec. Director	
Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity: (same)	
Email: keymah777@aol.com	Phone: (216) 253-7391
Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.: 90-0511047	Date: 9/15/23

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 Rid-All Green Partnership's Veterans Training Program

Our 5-Month Commercial Urban Agriculture Training Program is designed to help participants to manage their own farming business, while allowing them to learn on-site; actually practicing the hands-on skills needed to profitably farm in the city. This program is a series of five weekend seminars, running January through May or July through November, and takes place at Rid-All's training facilities in Cleveland, Ohio. The training facilities at Rid-All include greenhouses, high tunnel hoop houses, training gardens, aquaponics systems, large-scale vermicompost and composting, and food distribution.

Printed workshop material will be distributed for each session. Participants will be provided with a binder to keep the materials from each session. Upon completion of the entire program participants will have a complete workbook and reference material to keep for future use.

Farm Business Development - Agri-Business Startup & Growth Education Workshop Overview (Session #1)

This training consists of an intensive and focused collection of educational, professional, and business services, that are designed to increase the viability and chances of success for agriculturally based microbusinesses, with a focus upon microbusinesses owned by low and moderate income individuals. The key to achieving this is the mentorship, advice, and counsel that are provided by industry professionals.

The measurable outcomes include, but are not limited to, a) increased knowledge and confidence concerning entrepreneurship, b) the property formation of the participant's business, c) the completion of a written business plan, d) the acquisition of capital, e) the launch of business operations or growth of business operations, f) business survival for more than 12 months after launch of business operations, g) creation of at least one job, and h) generating revenue during the first 12 months.

Social Impact of Urban Agriculture Workshop Overview (Session #2)

The goal of this training session is to give the participants an overview of the social impacts that affect an urban agricultural project. An emphasis will be placed on Food Security & Food Security with instructions on how to integrate these disciplines into your local community via an urban agricultural project.

Urban Farming/Agriculture Workshop Overview (Session #3)

The goal of this module is to give the participants a comprehensive overview of the knowledge that is required to launch a successful Urban Farming/Agriculture Project. Instruction will provide in depth information concerning the integration of a) theory, b) principles, c) methods, and, d) the science of Urban Farming/Agriculture including high tunnel hoop house management.

Composting Workshop Overview (Session #4)

The goal of this training module is to give the participants a comprehensive overview of the knowledge that is required to prepare, implement, monitor and supervise an urban composting operation.

Health and Wellness (Session #5)

This session promotes healthy living choices including: Farm to Table Gardening, Food Preparation and Meal Planning. During this time the trainers will provide hands-on technical support and advice to ensure that the trainee's project are off to a good start.

Project Start Date: Nov. 2023

Project End Date: May 2024

IMPACT OF PROJECT:

Who will be served: Military and Non-Military Veterans. The overall outcome of the program is to offer returning veterans training and job skills that will allow them to return to active members of the community. These men and women have sacrificed their lives for us, and we want to ensure that they have opportunities available to them once they return home.

How many people will be served annually:

15-20 veterans. Veterans who complete the 5-Month Training will have the option of being placed at our Victory Garden Demonstration Site. At this site they can master the skills that they learned during their training. In addition to earning an income they can work toward setting up and managing their own farming project. Rid-All will offer technical support during this process and will assist in the build-out and set-up of their agricultural project.

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

Yes, many of our veterans that return from service are on fixed incomes. This support will allow for participants to register for our training program and have the \$2,200 registration cost offset.

How does the project fit with the community and with other ongoing projects: This program is a part of Rid-All's larger Veterans Service Program. This includes our annual Veterans Day and Armed Forces Day Celebrations. Rid-All is also partnered with the City of Cleveland Veterans Collaborative.

If applicable, how many jobs will be created or retained (specify the number for each) and will the jobs be permanent or temporary: 3-5 permanent jobs. As Veterans return home from active duty many come home with the scars of combat, both physically and psychologically. Rid-All's Victory Garden Initiative is designed to offer training, job creation, and business development in the area of agriculture.

If applicable, what environmental issues or benefits will there be: .In addition to being a source of fresh, healthy produce, gardening can ease stress, keep you limber, and even improve your mood. Finally, gardening gets you out in the fresh air and sunshine -- and it also gets your blood moving. Some research suggests that the physical activity associated with gardening can help lower the risk of developing dementia. The sights, smells, and sounds of the garden are said to promote relaxation and reduce stress.

If applicable, how does this project serve as a catalyst for future initiatives: Rid-All is working very closely with the City of Cleveland and Union Miles Development Corp. to develop housing for homeless veterans in the City of Cleveland. A 15-unit housing complex is currently in work.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Total Budget of Project: \$40,000

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

Rid-All Foundation - \$10,000. (In-kind)

Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars: \$30,000

Since these are one-time dollars, how will the Project be sustained moving forward: The training offered by Rid-All is ongoing and has been held over the past 10 years. It is our plan to continue these activities to support our community. We will continue to use internal and external funding sources to support our Veterans activities.

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: G. Keymah Durden III

Signature:

G. Keymah Durden III

Date: 9/15/23

Additional Documents

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

Yes, please see attached.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2023-0280

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WHEREAS, the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking estimates approximately 1,300 people will be served annually through this award; and

WHEREAS, the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking estimates approximately 1 permanent and temporary job will be created or retained through this project; and

WHEREAS, the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking estimates the total cost of the project is \$85,000; and

WHEREAS, the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes:

- A. \$42,000 from VOCA;
- B. \$23,000 from the Cleveland Foundation;
- C. \$10,000 from Fundraising Activities; and

WHEREAS, the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking is estimating the start date of the project will be November 2023 and the project will be completed by June 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking requested \$10,000 from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund to complete this project; and

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Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: October 10, 2023
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.): Collaborative to End Human Trafficking	
Address of Requesting Entity: 2515 Jay Ave UNIT 102 Cleveland, OH 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: Kirsti Mouncey	
Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity:	
Email: kmouncey@collabtoendht.org	Phone: 440.872.6500
Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.: 47-2400588	Date: 10/04/2023

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

REQUEST DESCRIPTION (include the project name, a description of the project, why the project is important or needed, and timeline of milestones/tracking of the project):

Project Name:

Human Trafficking Education and Training Program for Schools

Program Overview:

Human trafficking is a pervasive and complex public health crisis that happens in every community. It happens here in Cuyahoga County. Human trafficking is hidden in plain sight and is often unreported and underrecognized. Traffickers target the most vulnerable in our community, many of them children and teens, who do not have the language to express what is happening to them or the ability to seek help. Many trafficked children still attend school, but their situation often remains hidden due to the clandestine nature of human trafficking and the fear and coercion that traffickers use to control their victims. Schools can serve as a lifeline for trafficked children. In some cases, teachers and school staff have played a critical role in identifying and helping trafficked children escape their situations. Yet, school staff needs to know how to identify a trafficking situation, how to approach a child and how to support them as necessary. Children and youth trafficked or at-risk for trafficking also need information, education, and the tools to recognize trafficking situations and to take proactive steps to prevent them.

Project Description:

To address this issue, our organization has developed a comprehensive Human Trafficking Education and Training Program that consists of the following core components:

Raise Awareness: Increase awareness of human trafficking among students, teachers, and school staff.

Professional Training: We will provide specialized training for school personnel (teachers, school counselors and social workers, nurses, and others) on the fundamentals of human trafficking, indicator of trafficking situations. Increase their ability to identify, assist, and support trafficking victims.

Prevention: Provide students with the tools to recognize potential trafficking situations and take proactive steps to prevent them.

Support: Equip teachers and school staff with the knowledge and resources to identify and respond to signs of trafficking, ensuring the safety of students.

Project Start Date:
November 1st, 2023

Project End Date:
June 1st, 2024

IMPACT OF PROJECT:**Who will be served:**

School aged children Middle & High School, Teachers, School Social Workers, Counselors & Nurses; Coaches; School Administrators

How many people will be served annually:

School aged children Middle & High School: 1000
Teachers, School Social Workers, Counselors & Nurses: 300

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

Yes, the focus on the project will be on CMSD and interring suburban schools in Cuyahoga County

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

Since its beginning in 2007 Collaborative to End Human Trafficking has led, empowered, and connected our community to eradicate human trafficking. We do that through awareness, education, training, technical assistance, and multidisciplinary collaboration. No one organization or system can do this work alone! It has long been our desire to focus more on schools. That desire has increased with rise in knowledge about how traffickers target victims, and just how vulnerable children are.

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

1 job retained

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

Preventing human trafficking is crucial for a multitude of reasons, as it brings about numerous benefits that not only improve the lives of potential victims but also contribute to the overall well-being of society. Here are some key benefits: Protection of Human Rights, Economic Benefits, Public Health, Gender Equality, Prevention of Child Exploitation, Public Safety

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

This project will be the catalyst for systemwide Human Trafficking Education and Training Program for Schools across Cuyahoga County

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Total Budget of Project:
\$85,000

Other Funding Sources of Project (list each source and dollar amount separately):
VOCA \$42,000
Cleveland Foundation: \$23,000
Fundraising Activities: \$10,000

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:
Dollars from Federal Earmark

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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:

**Kirsti Mouncey
President & CEO**

Signature:



Date: 10/04/2024

Additional Documents

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

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2023-0281

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WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County received \$239,898,257 from the Federal Government through the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”); and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund in the amount of \$10,000 to the Shaker Schools Foundation for the Aisha Fraser Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Shaker Schools Foundation estimates approximately 120 students will be served annually through this award; and

WHEREAS, the Shaker Schools Foundation estimates the total cost of the project is \$51,000; and

WHEREAS, the Shaker Schools Foundation indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes funding from the Shaker School District and families with financial means; and

WHEREAS, the Shaker Schools Foundation requested \$10,000 from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund to complete this project; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding in the amount of \$10,000 to the Shaker Schools Foundation 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 Shaker Schools Foundation from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the Aisha Fraser Fund.

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.



Cuyahoga County Council

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COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION:	
Name of Requesting Entity (City, Business, Non-Profit, etc.): Shaker Schools Foundation	
Address of Requesting Entity: 15600 Parkland Drive Shaker Heights, Ohio 44122	
County Council District # of Requesting Entity: District 9	
Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity: Woodbury Elementary School 15400 South Woodland Ave. Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120	
County Council District # of Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity: Address of Entity:	
Contact Name of Person Filling out This Request: Holly Coughlin	
Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity:	
Email: coughlin_h@shaker.org	Phone: 216295-4325

Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.: 34-1351470	Date: 9/29/23
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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 Aisha Fraser Fund, Supporting Shaker Sixth Grade Camperships and Aisha Fraser Memorial	
<p>Woodbury Elementary School is home to all of Shaker Heights City Schools 5th and 6th graders. Aisha Fraser was a beloved 6th grade teacher who made a significant impact in the lives of thousands of Woodbury students during her 15 year career. She was tragically killed in a domestic violence attack. The annual camp experience for her students was one of her passions and she wanted every student, regardless of their family's financial situation, to have the opportunity to attend.</p> <p>Woodbury's 6th Grade Camp is a highlight of the Shaker School District and has been described as a right of passage in our students education and experience. The camp is designed around the International Baccalaureate (IB) philosophies, and is paired with life skills such as teamwork, communication, empathy, and problem solving, which allows students to take risks in a safe environment. Kent State and Cleveland State have researched our camp, and the results showed a positive increase in students' confidence, self esteem, risk taking, and social skills (with other students and staff) before moving on to the Middle School. Many of our 6th graders have never, and may never again, experience an outdoor camp that truly focuses on the development of the whole child. Feedback from our students has indicated how accepted, supported, and cared for they felt during the experience. Our camp is a bridge at the end of the school year that brings all of the students together before moving on to the Shaker Heights Middle School.</p> <p>The coronavirus pandemic impact has been far reaching, and has gone beyond the health or economic concerns. Child-focused researchers and advocates have recognized that the virus continues to impact children and families, in terms of the social isolation, stress, anxiety, and other hardships faced. Economic hardships have also impacted their emotional and mental stress. Providing funding to our families for their students to attend camp helps them financially and helps their children to experience community and social skills.</p> <p>Students with financial limitations have been able to have their camp costs covered, or partially covered, through a small campership fund. Our goal is to build that fund, in Aisha Fraser's name, to ensure that any students who want to attend the camp have the financial support needed to do that. The camp is held during the month of May and lasts two full days with an overnight experience.</p> <p>Our grant would also assist with funding a memorial bench for Aisha at Woodbury Elementary School. It will be located in a quiet area outside the Sixth Grade wing where teachers, staff, parents, students and community members can reflect and honor her life and legacy. The bench will be engraved with her favorite quote, "Dance with your heart and your feet will follow." Alvin Ailey.</p> <p>The timing of this initiative aligns with the fifth anniversary of her passing.</p>	
Project Start Date:	Project End Date:

IMPACT OF PROJECT:

Who will be served:

Woodbury Elementary School has just over 600 students, half of which are 6th graders.
43% of Woodbury students are economically disadvantaged.

How many people will be served annually:

The initial goal is to be able to provide 6th grade camperships for any student qualified for the federal free/reduced lunch program. For Woodbury 6th graders, that is estimated as 120-125 students.

The memorial bench will serve the entire school community and the great Shaker community.

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

Yes, camperships are provided to students whose families don't have the financial means to cover the cost. Families are asked to contact the school if the fee for the camp (\$125 for 2022-2023) is a barrier to participation.

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

The Shaker Schools Foundation and School District are both committed to diversity, equity and inclusion. We work to ensure that everything we do District-wide—learning and teaching, strategic planning, hiring, professional learning, technology, operations and communications—considers diversity, equity and inclusion.

Educational equity is based on the principles of fairness and justice in allocating resources, opportunity, treatment and creating success for each student. Achieving equity means students' identities will not predetermine or predict school success. Expanding opportunities for students who have been historically marginalized will enrich the overall development of all students.

Providing scholarships for low-income students to attend Shaker's 6th grade camp experience is crucial for several reasons:

Promoting Equity: Ensuring access to the camp experience for all students, regardless of their economic background, aligns with our organization's mission to advance equitable access to opportunities within Shaker Heights City Schools.

Fostering Inclusivity: Scholarships create an inclusive environment, allowing students from diverse economic backgrounds to participate in this formative experience together. This promotes a sense of belonging and community among all participants.

Enhancing Educational Outcomes: The camp experience offers valuable educational and developmental benefits. By providing scholarships, we empower students to access this enriching program, potentially leading to improved academic performance and personal growth.

Community Building: By supporting scholarships, we reinforce a sense of community within Shaker Heights. It sends a powerful message that we value every student's participation and believe in their potential to contribute positively to the community.

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

Not applicable

Address of Entity:

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

The camp provides students with a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in a natural environment. This fosters a greater appreciation for nature and can lead to increased environmental awareness and stewardship.

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

Through the experiences and skills gained at the 6th grade camp, students are better equipped to take on leadership roles, engage in community initiatives, and contribute to the betterment of Shaker Heights and beyond. The camp's impact goes beyond the immediate experience, serving as a foundation for a lifetime of active participation and leadership in various initiatives.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Total Budget of Project:

The budget is \$51,000 for the entire cost of camp including staff, camp cost and transportation. We are looking for help in defraying the camperships while the District covers many of the costs.

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

The Shaker School District provides 25% of the funding for all families and Families with financial means cover the balance of \$125. The Shaker Schools Foundation fills gaps for families that need assistance.

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:

The District covers \$60 per student to reduce the overall cost. The District also takes on the cost of staff and transportation to and from the camp. The Foundation has funds available from our Educational Equity Fund that will provide additional funding to cover the camperships.

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.

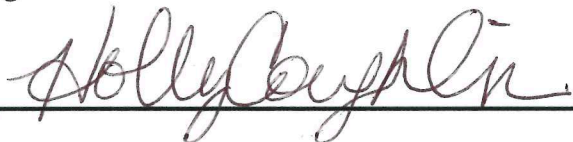
I understand that any willful misrepresentation on this application or on any of the attachments thereto could result in a fine and/or imprisonment under relevant local, state, and/or federal laws or guidelines.

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:

Holly Coughlin

Signature:



Date:9/29/23

Additional Documents

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

Our Donor Impact Report shares additional information about our mission and work:

https://issuu.com/shakerschools/docs/ssf-donor-report-2022-digital_final?fr=sMGYwZTUwNzU2NTY.