



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024
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 APRIL 3, 2024 MEETING

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2024-0133: Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$4,500, to College Now Greater Cleveland for the Andrew J. Rickoff takes Philadelphia Project from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

6. PRESENTATIONS

- a) Update from College Now Greater Cleveland

b) Update regarding Green Infrastructure Grant Program

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

8. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Simon asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Stephens, Schron and Conwell were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Jones entered the meeting after the roll call was taken. Councilmember Miller was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 6, 2024 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2024 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2024-0105: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$25,000, to the Cleveland Leadership Center for the purpose of funding the Cleveland Leadership Center's Look Up to Cleveland High School Program from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and

declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Mary Anne Crosley, President and CEO of the Cleveland Leadership Center, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. Resolution No. R2024-0105. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2024-0105 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Ms. Stephens, Ms. Simon, Ms. Conwell and Mr. Miller requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

6. DISCUSSION

- a) Restructuring of the Department of Sustainability – Erik Janas, Chief of Staff, County Executive’s Office

Mr. Erik Janas, Chief of Staff for County Executive Ronayne, addressed the Committee regarding staffing, budget, initiatives and the reporting structure relating to the restructuring of the Department of Sustainability. Discussion ensued.

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

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 3:54 p.m.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2024-0133

Sponsored by: Councilmember Turner	A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$4,500, to College Now Greater Cleveland for the Andrew J. Rickoff takes Philadelphia Project from the District 9 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 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund in the amount of \$4,500 to College Now Greater Cleveland for the Andrew J. Rickoff takes Philadelphia project; and

WHEREAS, College Now Greater Cleveland estimates approximately 35 students people will be served annually through this award; and

WHEREAS, College Now Greater Cleveland estimates the total cost of the project is \$25,095; and

WHEREAS, College Now Greater Cleveland indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes:

- A. \$10,000 from the St. Lukes Foundation;
- B. \$3,500 from students; and

WHEREAS, College Now Greater Cleveland is estimating the project will take place from May 14-16, 2024; and

WHEREAS, College Now Greater Cleveland requested \$4,500 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 \$4,500 to College Now Greater Cleveland to ensure this project is completed; and

WHEREAS, this Council by a vote of at least eight (8) members determines that it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue to provide for the usually, daily operations of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby awards a not-to-exceed amount of \$4,500 to College Now Greater Cleveland from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the Andrew J. Rickoff takes Philadelphia 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: April 9, 2024

Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

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Cuyahoga County Council

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COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION:	
Name of Requesting Entity (City, Business, Non-Profit, etc.):	
College Now Greater Cleveland	
Address of Requesting Entity:	
1500 W 3 rd St, STE 125 Cleveland, OH 44113	
County Council District # of Requesting Entity:	
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Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity:	
Andrew J. Rickoff 3500 E 147 th St Cleveland, Ohio 44120	
County Council District # of Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity:	
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Contact Name of Person Filling out This Request:	
Michele Scott Taylor	
Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity:	
Email:	Phone:
mscotttaylor@collegenowgc.org	216-635-0175
Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.:	Date:
34-6580096	03/26/24

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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

The name of the project is Andrew J. Rickoff takes Philadelphia. We are serving the students who attend Andrew J. Rickoff School located in the Mt. Pleasant community. In the Mt. Pleasant community, 42.5% of children live below the national poverty rate. The demographics of our student population is made up of African-Americans 99% and Caucasians 1%. Our specific population of students could specifically benefit from teachable exposure experiences that will last a lifetime and impact future life decisions. People are a product of their environment, and as school leaders, we want to expose our scholars to environments that are different from their usual environments. Our scholars need opportunities that will give them the opportunity to open their mindset with new endless possibilities. We want to teach our scholars that no matter what gender, race, or socio-economic background one is, a person can and should strive for greatness. This exposure trip will level the playing field between their community that is often devoid of life-changing positive experiences, and the endless opportunities other places can provide. By taking our middle school scholars on an out-of-town educational trip, it will help open their mind to see the endless possibilities in the world. Having our scholars visit a college campus and seeing individuals that look like them will show them what they can achieve. Most of our students prefer project-based learning over traditional teacher-led and focused instruction; this trip will allow them to experience first-hand what different environments, opportunities, and choices can provide for them in the future.

Project Start Date: 05/14/24

Project End Date:05/16/24

IMPACT OF PROJECT:

Who will be served:

35 students will be able to experience an educational out-of-town trip that will create memories for a lifetime with their classmates. Each student will receive a charter bus experience, accommodations in a hotel, 3 meals provided daily, a museum tour, as well as a visit to an institution of higher education. Success will be measured with student participation. Students' selection will be based on 3 pre-trip questions that will be given to the entire student body. Students will complete 3 post-trip questions based of information gained throughout the trip. Success can also be measured by the amount of students who will sign up for college credit classes during 9th grade year.

How many people will be served annually:

35 students

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

Mt. Pleasant families' median income is about \$28,000/year. Each student is a member is this community.

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

This project will allow students in our community to one day in the future come back served the community based on educational opportunities.

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

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

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

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Total Budget of Project:

\$25,095

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

St. Lukes Foundation- \$10,000

Students- \$3,500

School Fundraiser- on going

Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars:

\$4,500 - To cover the cost of 10 students

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

The project will be funded yearly by grants, fundraisers, and students.

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.

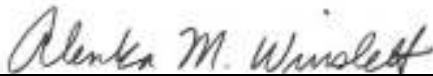
I understand that any willful misrepresentation on this application or on any of the attachments thereto could result in a fine and/or imprisonment under relevant local, state, and/or federal laws or guidelines.

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:

Alenka Winslett

Signature:



Date:

3/26/24

Additional Documents

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