



**AGENDA**  
**CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12 2024**  
**CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS**  
**C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> 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 MAY 22, 2024 MEETING
5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
  - a) R2024-0199: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$5,000, to the Building and Leveraging Opportunities Foundation for the purpose of providing 60 bicycles to Warrensville City Schools from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS
7. 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, Jones and Conwell were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee members Stephens and Schron were absent from the meeting. Councilmember Miller was also in attendance.**

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**There were no public comments given.**

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 3, 2024 MEETING**

**A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Jones and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2024 meeting.**

### **5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

- a) R2024-0143: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Cleveland Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program (MOTTEP) for the Empowering the Future Program from the District 9

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

**Ms. Linda Kimble, Executive Director of Cleveland Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program; and Ms. Chante Thomas, author and educator, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0143. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Kimble and Ms. Thomas pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**Ms. Simon introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2024-0143. Discussion ensued.**

**A motion was then made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.**

**On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2024-0143 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading, as substituted.**

- b) R2024-0172: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to Case Western Reserve University for the National Youth Sports Program from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Dennis Harris, Director of the National Youth Sports Program at Case Western Reserve University; and Ms. Monique Olowu, Assistant Director of the National Youth Sports Program, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0172. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Harris and Ms. Olowu pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2024-0172 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.**

- c) R2024-0173: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Literacy Cooperative for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Bob Paponetti, President & CEO of The Literacy Cooperative; and Dr. David Margolius, Director of Public Health for the City of Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0173. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Paponetti and Dr. Margolius pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2024-0173 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- d) R2024-0178: A Resolution making an award to College Now Greater Cleveland in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Fund for Component Two of the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Program for the period ending 6/30/2029; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor; Ms. Kittie Warshawsky, Chief External Affairs Officer for College Now Greater Cleveland; and Mr. Bob Durham, Chief Scholarship Services Officer for College Now Greater Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0178. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. McAleer, Ms. Warshawsky and Mr. Durham pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2024-0178 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.**

- e) R2024-0195: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of Western Reserve Land Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas adjacent to Euclid Beach Park in the City of Cleveland; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Alison Ball, Planning Initiatives Specialist, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0195 and requested that the legislation be withdrawn.**

**There was no further legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2024-0195.**

- f) R2024-0196: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of West Creek Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in the Watershed Divide Conservation Initiative in the Cities of Broadview Heights and Brecksville; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Derek Schafer, Executive Director of the West Creek Conservancy, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0196. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Schafer pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2024-0196 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

#### **6. PRESENTATION**

- a) Update from College Now Greater Cleveland

**Ms. Warshawsky and Mr. Durham provided the Committee with an update on a report prepared by College Now Greater Cleveland. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Warshawsky and Mr. Durham, 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 4:08 p.m., without objection.**

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Resolution No. R2024-0199

Sponsored by: <b>Councilmember Turner</b>	<b>A Resolution</b> awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$5,000, to the Building and Leveraging Opportunities Foundation for the purpose of providing 60 bicycles to Warrensville City Schools 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 \$5,000 to the Building and Leveraging Opportunities Foundation for the purpose of providing 60 bicycles to Warrensville City Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the Building and Leveraging Opportunities Foundation estimates approximately 60 people will be served annually through this award; and

**WHEREAS**, the Building and Leveraging Opportunities Foundation estimates the total cost of the project is \$7,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Building and Leveraging Opportunities Foundation indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes:

- A. \$1,500 from Dollar Bank;

B. \$1,000 from Iota Phi Theta; and

**WHEREAS**, the Building and Leveraging Opportunities Foundation is estimating the start date of the project will be May 2024 and the project will be completed by June 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Building and Leveraging Opportunities Foundation requested \$5,000 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 \$5,000 to the Building and Leveraging Opportunities 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 \$5,000 to the Building and Leveraging Opportunities Foundation from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the purpose of providing 60 bicycles to Warrensville City Schools.

**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: May 28, 2024

Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

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**Cuyahoga County  
Council**

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**COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT APPLICATION**

<b>APPLICANT INFORMATION:</b>	
<b>Name of Requesting Entity (City, Business, Non-Profit, etc.):</b> The Building & Leveraging Opportunities 501c3 Foundation	
<b>Address of Requesting Entity:</b> 531 East 260 <sup>th</sup> Street Suite, Euclid Ohio 44132	
<b>County Council District # of Requesting Entity:</b> Council District #9	
<b>Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity:</b> 4270 Northfield Rd, Warrensville Heights, OH 44128	
<b>County Council District # of Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity:</b> 4270 Northfield Rd, Warrensville Heights, OH 44128	
<b>Contact Name of Person Filling out This Request:</b> Orlando O. Grant	
<b>Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity:</b> 531 East 260th Street Suite, Euclid Ohio 44132	
<b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:Orlandogrant55@gmail.com">Orlandogrant55@gmail.com</a>	<b>Phone:</b> 216-870-6917
<b>Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.:</b> 87-4655330	<b>Date:</b> 5/8/2024

## 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 Building & Leveraging Opportunities (BLO) 501c3 Foundation is delighted to announce its partnership with Warrensville City Schools, aiming to provide 60 bicycles to foster healthy lifestyles and community engagement among youth aged 10 to 15 within the Warrensville Heights City School District. These bicycles will be distributed to encourage outdoor activities and reduce reliance on technology as a source of entertainment. Additionally, we will offer extra support to fathers actively involved in their children's biking endeavors, promoting family bonding and physical fitness. As part of the celebration of the 60th anniversary of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Incorporated, participants will be encouraged to adopt healthy habits, supported by educational materials emphasizing wellness and smart choices. This initiative underscores our commitment to enhancing parental involvement, combating obesity, and promoting outdoor exercise. Moreover, our efforts align closely with national initiatives promoting fatherhood engagement and healthy lifestyles, in sync with the goals of summer 2024.

**Project Start Date:**  
5/15/2024

**Project End Date:**  
6/1/2024

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

We will serve youth and families of children between the ages of 10-15 in Warrensville Heights Ohio, from the Warrensville City School District.

**How many people will be served annually:**

60 Students and 60 Families for a total of a minimum of 120

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

We will serve families who fall within the poverty guidelines and service the families with the attainment of free bicycles for healthy lifestyles.

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

With the support of this equipment and services, we intend to increase physical and emotional activities between families and children in the Warrensville city school district.

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

NA

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

We will reduce the carbon footprint and increase more physical activities and efforts associated with emotional intelligence.

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

We intend on creating a long-term report with Warrensville city schools by creating mentoring programs, supportive services, and fundraising efforts as examples of future endeavors.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

**Total Budget of Project:**  
**Total Budget \$7,000.00**

**Other Funding Sources of Project (list each source and dollar amount separately):**  
**Dollar Bank \$1,500.00**  
**Iota Phi Theta \$1,000.00**

**Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars:**  
**\$5,000.00**

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

We will sustain the project by using this effort to leverage additional funders and supporters to expand upon what we have already done to support additional students who would like to be apart of future endeavors and programming.

**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:**

**Orlando O. Grant, MA**

**Signature:**

*Orlando O. Grant*

**Date:**

**05-01-2024**

**Additional Documents**

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