



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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 JULY 24, 2024 MEETING**
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
 - a) R2024-0312: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to 100 Black Men of Greater Cleveland, Inc. for the Saturday Academy Program from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
 - b) R2024-0313: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to Gamma Delta Zetas Helping Others, Inc. for the Cleveland Stork's Nest Program from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund;

and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

- c) R2024-0316: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to Seeds of Literacy for the Adult Basic Education Program from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

6. PRESENTATIONS

- a) Update regarding transition from Workforce Development
- b) Update regarding Educational Assistance 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 Carte 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 JULY 10, 2024 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Ms. Simon and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2024 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2024-0289: A Resolution adopting the 2024 Cuyahoga County Sustainability Plan in accordance with Section 202.18 of the Cuyahoga County Code; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Jenita McGowan, Deputy Chief of Staff of Climate and Sustainability; and Ms. Valerie Katz, Deputy Director of the Department of Sustainability, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0289. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2024-0289 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2024-0290: A Resolution authorizing a contract with Child Care Resource Center of Cuyahoga County dba Starting Point in the amount not-to-exceed \$5,100,000.00 for management, administration and implementation of various support services for the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program for the period 8/1/2024 – 7/31/2027; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 4650 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Shawna Rohrman, Director of the Office of Early Childhood and Invest in Children, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0290. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2024-0290 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.

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

- c) R2024-0291: A Resolution making awards on RQ13868 to various providers in the total amount not-to-exceed \$26,402,873.16 for Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program services for the period 8/1/2024–7/31/2027; authorizing the County Executive to execute the master contract and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Contract No. 4525 with Apples of Gold Childcare Center II in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$180,000.00
- 2) Contract No. 4563 with Bedford City School District in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$337,500.00
- 3) Contract No. 4590 with Berea City School District in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$772,500.00
- 4) Contract No. 4593 with Bright Eyes Childcare III in an anticipated amount not to-exceed \$231,750.00
- 5) Contract No. 4527 with Brooklyn City Schools in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$300,000.00
- 6) Contract No. 4529 with Catholic Charities Corporation dba Catholic Charities Diocese of Cleveland in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$2,208,624.00
- 7) Contract No. 4615 with Children First of Cleveland in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$480,000.00
- 8) Contract No. 4530 with Cirque du Kids in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$126,000.00
- 9) Contract No. 4537 with Cleveland Children's Daycare Academy, LLC in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$570,000.00
- 10) Contract No. 4538 with Cleveland Heights - University Heights City School District in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$669,000.00
- 11) Contract No. 4534 with Congregation Mishkan Or in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$450,000.00
- 12) Contract No. 4560 with Curious Minds Early Learning Center, LLC in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$134,631.00
- 13) Contract No. 4539 with Early Childhood Enrichment Center, Inc. in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$972,000.00
- 14) Contract No. 4545 with East Cleveland City Schools in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$420,000.00
- 15) Contract No. 4581 with The Blue Room LTD dba Euclid Edu-Care Developmental Center in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$439,200.00
- 16) Contract No. 4583 with Excel Incorporated dba Excell Early Learning Center in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$595,080.00

- 17) Contract No. 4582 with Fundamental Homes for the Little Ones in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$59,988.00
- 18) Contract No. 4535 with Goldenrod Montessori in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$405,000.00
- 19) Contract No. 4544 with Great Adventures Childcare LLC dba Great Expectations Preschool in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$300,000.00
- 20) Contract No. 4548 with Guardian Angels Learning Center LLC in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$432,129.60
- 21) Contract No. 4604 with Hanna Perkins School dba Hanna Perkins Center for Child Development in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$193,716.00
- 22) Contract No. 4570 with HLC Euclid, LLC dba Horizon Learning Centers Euclid dba Horizon Child Development Center, Inc. in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$233,006.40
- 23) Contract No. 4551 with Horizon Education Centers in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$3,169,662.30
- 24) Contract No. 4571 with Jireh Learning Center, LLC in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$498,951.36
- 25) Contract No. 4553 with Let's Make a Change II, LLC in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$103,500.00
- 26) Contract No. 4554 with Lexington-Bell Community Center in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$167,274.00
- 27) Contract No. 4555 with Little Achievers Learning Center in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$84,000.00
- 28) Contract No. 4556 with Little Critters Early Learning LLC in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$252,000.00
- 29) Contract No. 4636 with Lois Kidz Inc. in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$97,161.60
- 30) Contract No. 4632 with Lots of Love Enrichment Center in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$168,120.00
- 31) Contract No. 4559 with Mini Miracles & Beyond Learning Academy, LLC in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$315,000.00

- 32) Contract No. 4561 with Mini Miracles Learning Academy, LLC in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$360,000.00
- 33) Contract No. 4567 with Mini Miracles III Learning Academy, LLC in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$219,600.00
- 34) Contract No. 4532 with Murtis Taylor Human Services System in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$230,851.50
- 35) Contract No. 4565 with New Beginnings Home Learning Academy, LLC in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$133,500.00
- 36) Contract No. 4569 with Nottingham Childcare Academy, Inc. in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$392,940.00
- 37) Contract No. 4594 with Play Academy, Inc. in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$480,000.00
- 38) Contract No. 4595 with Play Time Early Childhood Enrichment Center, LLC in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$450,000.00
- 39) Contract No. 4577 with Heights-Room to Grow Preschool, LLC in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$352,706.40
- 40) Contract No. 4568 with Shaker Heights City School District in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$660,000.00
- 41) Contract No. 4549 with Spanish American Committee in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$277,191.00
- 42) Contract No. 4557 with St. Peters Child Care Center, Inc. in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$252,900.00
- 43) Contract No. 4566 with Step Forward in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$2,520,000.00
- 44) Contract No. 4562 with The Centers for Families & Children in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,949,700.00
- 45) Contract No. 4531 with The Lillian and Betty Ratner School in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$540,000.00
- 46) Contract No. 4536 with The Cleveland Music School Settlement dba The Music Settlement in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,172,700.00

- 47) Contract No. 4541 with Urban Community School in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$405,000.00
- 48) Contract No. 4542 with Warrensville Heights City School District in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$270,000.00
- 49) Contract No. 4540 with The Young Women's Christian Association of Greater Cleveland, Ohio in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$369,990.00.

Ms. Rohrman addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0291. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2024-0291 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.

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

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Michael Foley, Administrator of Cuyahoga County Green Energy; and Ms. Katz provided the Committee with an overview of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant that was awarded to Cuyahoga County and the City of Painesville from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Discussion ensued.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 4:11 p.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2024-0312

Sponsored by: Councilmember Turner	A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to 100 Black Men of Greater Cleveland, Inc. for the Saturday Academy Program 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 \$10,000 to 100 Black Men of Greater Cleveland, Inc. for the Saturday Academy program; and

WHEREAS, 100 Black Men of Greater Cleveland, Inc. estimates approximately 15-25 people will be served monthly through this award; and

WHEREAS, 100 Black Men of Greater Cleveland, Inc. estimates the total cost of the project is \$33,000; and

WHEREAS, 100 Black Men of Greater Cleveland, Inc. indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes funding from 100 Black Men of Greater Cleveland, Inc. and \$10,000 from Provide-a-Ride; and

WHEREAS, 100 Black Men of Greater Cleveland, Inc. is estimating the project will take place year-round; and

WHEREAS, 100 Black Men of Greater Cleveland, Inc. 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 100 Black Men of Greater Cleveland, Inc. 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 100 Black Men of Greater Cleveland, Inc. from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the Saturday Academy 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

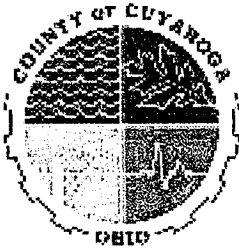
Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: September 10, 2024

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.): 100 Black Men of Greater Cleveland, Inc.	
Address of Requesting Entity: 13815 Kinsman Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44120	
County Council District # of Requesting Entity: 9	
Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity: 4250 Richmond Road, Highland Hills, Ohio 44122	
County Council District # of Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity: 	
Contact Name of Person Filling out This Request: Gregory Lockhart	
Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity: 	
Email: chairman@100blackmencle.org	Phone: (216) 354-0896
Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.: 31-1535842	Date:

IMPACT OF PROJECT:
Who will be served: Young men in grades 6 th – 12 th .
How many people will be served annually: Fifteen (15) – Twenty-Five (25) a month.
Will low/moderate income people be served; if so how: Yes. The mentees will primarily be from low/moderate income families.
How does the project fit with the community and with other ongoing projects: The program will seek to increase the quality of life for those young men that come from low/moderate income backgrounds.
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.
If applicable, what environmental issues or benefits will there be: Not applicable.
If applicable, how does this project serve as a catalyst for future initiatives: The program will help identify those mentees that can benefit from other programming of the organization.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Total Budget of Project:

Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$33,000.00).

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

Provide-a-Ride (sponsor) – Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

100 Black Men of Greater Cleveland, Inc. - unrestricted funds.

Will continue to seek funding for this initiative.

Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars:

Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

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

Moving forward, the organization will seek grants, as well as ask donors to support the program.

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):

Researchers have noted that youth from low-income situations are half as likely to have had informal mentors in their communities and twice as likely to report wanting one. Therefore, formal mentoring programs like our Saturday Academy play a critical role in helping young people discover their potential. The Saturday Academy mentoring program mentors young men in grades 6th – 12th. This mentoring model has experienced remarkable success in other chapters across the country, as well as Cleveland in the past. The key to the model is that it leverages a “many too few construct” allowing a larger group of young men to be mentored at the same time in a group setting.

The 100 Black Men of America, Inc. have an award-winning mentoring program that can be in this case, executed in a plenary. The lessons that mentors and other subject matter experts extol will positively impact the mentees on a sustainable scale. The program has pre-program and post-program testing, conferences with parents, open and honest conversations with young people, and a behavior observation model to determine milestones and track the mentees’ progress.

The Saturday Academy will meet on the third Saturday of the month for a three (3) hour session. Each session will cover a different theme, including education, health and wellness, financial literacy, etc. The program will provide mentees with exposure to different experiences by way of field trips to local institutions, local businesses, etc. There will also be fun activities like rowing, golf, etc. that will expand their vision beyond their neighborhood.

Mentees will also be exposed to other programming of the 100 Black Men of Greater Cleveland, Inc., as well as community partners that share our vision.

Certain mentees will have the opportunity to attend the National Conference of the 100 Black Men of America, Inc. in Atlanta, Georgia. The National Conference will provide mentees with access to resources and information created specifically for them.

Project Start Date:
Year round.

Project End Date:

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.

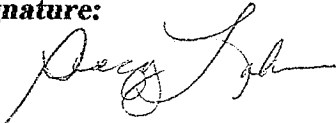
I understand that any willful misrepresentation on this application or on any of the attachments thereto could result in a fine and/or imprisonment under relevant local, state, and/or federal laws or guidelines.

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:

Gregory Lockhart

Signature:



Date:

March 29, 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. R2024-0313

Sponsored by: Councilmember Turner	A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to Gamma Delta Zetas Helping Others, Inc. for the Cleveland Stork’s Nest Program from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund in the amount of \$10,000 to Gamma Delta Zetas Helping Others, Inc. for the Cleveland Stork’s Nest program; and

WHEREAS, Gamma Delta Zetas Helping Others, Inc. estimates approximately 20 people will be served annually through this; and

WHEREAS, Gamma Delta Zetas Helping Others, Inc. estimates the total cost of the project is \$2,500; and

WHEREAS, Gamma Delta Zetas Helping Others, Inc. indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes:

- A. \$300 from Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
 - B. \$2,000 from the Pancake Breakfast fundraiser at Applebee’s;
- and

WHEREAS, Gamma Delta Zetas Helping Others, Inc. started on October 1994 and the project will be ongoing; and

WHEREAS, Gamma Delta Zetas Helping Others, Inc. 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 Gamma Delta Zetas Helping Others, Inc. 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:

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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.

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

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President	Date
County Executive	Date
Clerk of Council	Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: September 10, 2024
 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.): Gamma Delta Zetas Helping Others (Stork's Nest)	
Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 24280, Cleveland, OH 44124	
County Council District # of Requesting Entity: District 11	
Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity: 11901 Oakfield Ave Cleveland, OH 44105	
County Council District # of Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity: District 11	
Contact Name of Person Filling out This Request: Charie Headen	
Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity: 26151 Lakeshore Blvd Apt 2115 Euclid, OH 44132	
Email: gdzstorksneest@gmail.com	Phone: 205-415-1611
Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.: EIN: 81-1925104	Date: 08/05/2024

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 Cleveland Stork's Nest is sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Gamma Delta Zeta chapter. The Stork's Nest is a partnership with the March of Dimes that aims to increase the number of women receiving early and regular prenatal care in an effort to prevent cases of low birthweight, premature births and infant deaths. Stork's Nest is a monthly prenatal health education program held at Thea Bowman Center in Cleveland Ohio. We meet every 3rd Saturday of the month.

The program is open to pregnant women and their partners, with the seminar content covering the entire range of pregnancy topics - from your health before pregnancy, through your baby's first birthday. The seminars are conducted by trained professional volunteers using March of Dimes approved curriculum.

The program is designed to promote prenatal care participation and encourage healthy behaviors during pregnancy through two components which are incentives and education. Participants earn "shopping points" that can be used to shop for all new donated baby clothing and items at the Stork's Nest. These points are all that is needed, there is no additional cost. Additional points can be earned when the mother's partner or support person also attends.

This project is important because it:

- Provide prenatal education and incentives to pregnant women.
- Motivates women to get early, regular prenatal care through earned incentives.
- Educates women on self-care during pregnancy, childbirth and postpartum.
- Educates mothers on newborn care, infant safety and follow up immunizations for their babies.

Our Stork's Nest has been serving the Cleveland area since October 21, 1994 and will keep serving the community long after we are gone!

Project Start Date:
October 21, 1994

Project End Date:
Ongoing

IMPACT OF PROJECT:

Who will be served:

Mothers in the community, prenatal and post-natal up to one year after birth.

How many people will be served annually:

Historically, we have served up to 20 mothers annually.
Currently, we have served five mothers this year with the potential of growing our numbers again post pandemic.

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

Yes. Based upon the demographics of the Mt Pleasant area where most of our referrals are from. Through the Stork's Nest program, they are able to purchase needed baby items with points earned, instead of money.

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

Our sessions are held within the Mt. Pleasant area at the Thea Bowman Center. Sessions are held once per month on the 3rd Saturday. The Thea Bowman Center has other events there that have the potential of sending referrals to the Stork's Nest, such as their Food Pantry and Hot Meal programs.

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

We work strictly with volunteers from Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Gamma Delta Zeta chapter and the community.

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

Benefits of the Stork's Nest is that it is an education-based program that helps mothers who may be in need of baby items prior to and after the birth of their child.

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

In the future we hope to work with other groups or organizations to help bring awareness to more mothers or soon to be mothers in the area. Making sure that they stay educated on pregnancy awareness, infant health such as immunizations and maternal health. We also refer the mothers to programs that will assist with their child from age one and up.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Total Budget of Project:

\$2500

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

- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Gamma Delta Zeta Chapter - \$300
- Pancake Breakfast fundraiser at Applebee's - \$2000 estimated

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:

We will continue to rely on our other funding sources and donations.

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.

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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:

Charie Headen

Signature:

Charie Headen

Date:

08/05/2024

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. R2024-0316

Sponsored by: Councilmember Turner	A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to Seeds of Literacy for the Adult Basic Education Program 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 \$10,000 to Seeds of Literacy for the Adult Basic Education Program; and

WHEREAS, Seeds of Literacy estimates approximately 1,200 people will be served annually through this award; and

WHEREAS, Seeds of Literacy estimates the total cost of the project is \$2,143,575; and

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

- A. \$1,038,575 from Foundations
- B. \$585,000 from Government Funding
- C. \$245,000 from Individual Gifts
- D. \$200,000 form Special Events

E. \$75,000 from Corporate Gifts; and

WHEREAS, Seeds of Literacy is estimating the start date of the project will be July 2024 and the project will be completed by June 2025; and

WHEREAS, Seeds of Literacy 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 Seeds of Literacy 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 Seeds of Literacy from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the Adult Basic Education 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:
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.): Seeds of Literacy	
Address of Requesting Entity: 3104 W. 25 th Street, 3 rd Floor Cleveland, OH 44109	
County Council District # of Requesting Entity: 7	
Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity: Seeds of Literacy’s program is delivered in two physical locations in Cleveland: Seeds West (3104 W. 25 th Street – District 7) and Seeds East (13815 Kinsman Road – District 9) and online in Seeds of Literacy’s Virtual Classroom. Seeds of Literacy’s program is provided free-of-charge to students throughout Cuyahoga County.	
County Council District # of Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity:	
Contact Name of Person Filling out This Request: Bonnie Entler	
Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity:	
Email: bonnieentler@seedsofliteracy.org	Phone: 216-661-7950 ext. 110
Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.: 20-0884284	Date: July 9, 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):

Project Name: Adult Basic Education Program

Project Description: Seeds of Literacy's adult basic education program starts where each person's skills begin and provides support to meet individual goals. Most students are working towards a high school equivalency credential (GED), others are learning the fundamentals of reading, and some are improving basic skills needed for a job promotion.

Seeds of Literacy is unaware of any other adult education providers that are free, flexible, and one-to-one, with a virtual option. Our program provides extensive support for students throughout their journey with Seeds of Literacy and beyond, including:

Instruction and Skill Building - Students can choose to attend classes in-person or join Seeds' Virtual Classroom. The Virtual Classroom breaks down barriers such as childcare and transportation and offers convenience during bad weather and illness. Every Seeds of Literacy student is paired with a tutor and provided one-to-one instruction using an individualized curriculum. Seeds of Literacy has more than 300 highly-trained volunteer tutors and an individualized curriculum that supports students at every level. When ready, students can take the official GED exam onsite at Seeds of Literacy.

Seeds has established a beginning readers program for individuals reading below a 5th grade level, a monthly book club to improve reading skill and build comradery, and a health empowerment group to provide students information on important health topics.

Engagement and Retention – Seeds of Literacy's student engagement coordinators work directly with students to help identify needs and make community referrals as needed. We frequently welcome partner providers to share their program information in our classrooms. Additionally, the coordinators keep in close contact with students, follow up on absences, provide options for overcoming barriers, and keep students engaged in learning.

Career Planning and Transitioning - Seeds is committed to helping students identify their aspirations, develop a plan, and keep working towards academic and career goals after earning their GED. Seeds has a designated full-time director of student success to grow partner relationships and help more students advance to college, training programs, and careers.

Over the years, Seeds has worked hard to develop this comprehensive approach to adult basic education. Our program is the first step towards advanced career options, improved quality of life, and a path out of poverty.

Project Need: According to the US Census Bureau American Community Survey 2022 5-year estimates, there are nearly 90,000 Cuyahoga County residents over the age of 25 years without a high school diploma or equivalent. The U.S. PIAAC Skills Map: State and County indicators of Adult Literacy and Numeracy identifies 54% of adults in Cuyahoga County as not proficient in reading.

The Cleveland Metropolitan School District graduation rate experienced a significant dip as a result of the pandemic to 74%. This number has yet to rebound (according to the district's 2023 Ohio School Report Card), increasing the number of Clevelanders in need of basic education and a high school equivalency credential.

Project Timeline and Outcomes: Seeds of Literacy's proposed project will support adult education services provided in the current fiscal year (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025). Seeds of Literacy expects to achieve the following outcomes during this time period:

- Approximately 1,200 students served
- More than 100 GEDs earned
- More than 200 students making progress towards the GED by passing at least one section of the official exam
- At least 400 sections of the official GED exam passed
- More than 500 students with achievements, mastering subject matter concepts

Project Start Date: July 1, 2024	Project End Date: June 30, 2025
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IMPACT OF PROJECT:
<p>Who will be served: Seeds of Literacy will serve adults (18 years and over) residing throughout Cuyahoga County. The majority of these adults will be working towards a GED, others will be improving basic skills such as learning how to read. Seeds serves a diverse group of individuals - 99% of students reside in low-income households; 70% are female and 30% male; 65% are Black, 1% Asian, 14% White, 17% Hispanic, and 3% “other.” Approximately 18% do not have reliable transportation, 50% are parenting at least one dependent child (20% of whom do not have access to reliable childcare), and 42% are working. Further, many students have had criminal justice involvement. Last year, 165 students reported previous incarceration, 59 were on probation, and 9 were on parole.</p>
<p>How many people will be served annually: Seeds of Literacy expects to serve approximately 1,200 students annually.</p>
<p>Will low/moderate income people be served; if so how: While Seeds of Literacy’s program is available to everyone, the program primarily serves individuals residing in low-income households (approximately 99% of all participants).</p>
<p>How does the project fit with the community and with other ongoing projects: For adults without a high school diploma, earning a GED is an essential first step to entering college or career training programs. Seeds of Literacy has a full-time director of student success dedicated to helping students define their long-term academic and career goals and transition to postsecondary education or training programs after earning their GED. Seeds of Literacy frequently connects students to Cuyahoga Community College, Step Forward, Towards Employment, MAGNET, Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, and College Now Greater Cleveland.</p>
<p>If applicable, how many jobs will be created or retained (specify the number for each) and will the jobs be permanent or temporary: Seeds of Literacy does not expect any jobs to be created or retained as a direct result of this project. However, the project will help local adults earn a GED and improve their ability to attend college, participate in career training programs, and secure employment. In fiscal year 2025, Seeds of Literacy expects to support 150 students with college and career planning, providing guidance through the college application process or referrals to partner organizations/training programs.</p>
<p>If applicable, what environmental issues or benefits will there be: Seeds of Literacy does not expect any direct environmental issues or benefits as a result of this project.</p>
<p>If applicable, how does this project serve as a catalyst for future initiatives: Improving residents’ basic education will help them access resources and quality health care, participate in postsecondary education and career training opportunities, and contribute to the local community and economy.</p>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Total Budget of Project: \$2,143,575

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

Foundations - \$1,038,575

Government Funding - \$585,000

Individual Gifts - \$245,000

Special Events - \$200,000

Corporate Gifts - \$75,000

Additionally, Seeds of Literacy expects approximately \$848,500 in donated tutoring hours, service, and in-kind support to the organization.

Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars:

Seeds of Literacy respectfully requests \$10,000 in County Council American Resource Act funding.

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

Seeds of Literacy has been serving Greater Cleveland for more than 25 years. The majority of our revenue is raised from foundation grants and other philanthropic support. Our enrollment has grown significantly following the pandemic, from serving approximately 1,000 to more than 1,500 students every year. Seeds of Literacy is committed to raising the funds necessary to ensure that every adult in need has an opportunity to improve their education in our classrooms. Going forward, our program will be sustained through a mix of government and philanthropic support.

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Printed Name: Bonnie Entler, President and CEO

Signature:

Bonnie Entler

Date: July 9, 2024

Additional Documents

Are there additional documents or files as part of this application? Please list each documents name:
Seeds of Literacy is not submitting any additional documents as part of its application.