



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM

Committee Members:

Michael J. Gallagher, Chair – District 5

Yvonne M. Conwell, Vice Chair – District 7

Patrick Kelly – District 1

Sunny M. Simon – District 11

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 16, 2024 MEETING [See page 3]**
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
 - a) R2024-0032: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$50,000, to the Catholic Charities Corp. for the purpose of the Migration and Refugee Service Immigration and Legal Services program from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.[See page 7]
 - b) R2024-0033: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$200,000, to the Village of Newburgh Heights for the purpose of the Enhanced Home Maintenance Grant Program from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.[See page 16]

- c) R2024-0034: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$200,000, to the Village of Newburgh Heights for the purpose of funding Safety Forces from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See page 24]

6. DISCUSSION

- a) Update from County Sheriff

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

8. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Gallagher asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Gallagher, Conwell and Kelly were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Simon was absent from the meeting. Councilmember Sweeney was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 21, 2023 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2023 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2023-0351: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Salvation Army for the Community Corrections Program from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Beau Hill, Executive Director of Harbor Light, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0351. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Kelly, Resolution No. R2023-0351 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2023-0367: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,297.98, to the City of Bay Village for the purpose of Bay Village Power Bike Project from the District 1 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

The Honorable Paul Koomar, Mayor of the City of Bay Village; and Mr. Robert Gillespie, Chief of Police for the City of Bay Village, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0367.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mayor Koomar and Chief Gillespie pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Kelly with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2023-0367 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- c) R2024-0001: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$25,000, to the Edgewater Homeowners' Association d.b.a. Edgewater North Homeowners' Association for upgraded security cameras from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Gale Schuerlein, President of the Edgewater Homeowners Association; and Mr. Darren Frye, Chair of the Security Committee for the Edgewater Homeowners Association, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0001. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Kelly with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2024-0001 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- d) R2024-0024: A Resolution authorizing a contract with Court Community Service Inc., in the amount not-to-exceed \$555,000.00 for Community Works Service Placement and Supervision Program services for the period 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2026; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 4022 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Linda Lagunzad, Interim Corrections Planning Board Administrator, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0024. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Kelly with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2024-0024 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) R2024-0030: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 2525 (fka Contract No. 1791) with Applewood Centers, Inc. for emergency respite and crisis bed services for youth referred by the Coordinated Approach to Misdemeanors (CALM) Program for the period 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2023, to extend the time period to 6/30/2024 and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,029,949.61; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Gallagher introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2024-0030. Discussion ensued.

Ms. LaTerra Brown, Business Manager; and Ms. Melissa McDaniel, Director of Project Management, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0030. Discussion ensued.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Kelly and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.

On a motion by Mr. Kelly with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2024-0030 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, as substituted.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 1:33 p.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2024-0032

Sponsored by: Councilmember Sweeney	A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$50,000, to the Catholic Charities Corp. for the purpose of the Migration and Refugee Service Immigration and Legal Services program from the District 3 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 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund in the amount of \$50,000 to the Catholic Charities Corp. for the purpose of the Migration and Refugee Service Immigration and Legal Services program; and

WHEREAS, the Catholic Charities Corp. estimates approximately 1,500 people will be served annually through this award; and

WHEREAS, the Catholic Charities Corp. estimates approximately 7 permanent and temporary jobs will be created or retained through this project; and

WHEREAS, the Catholic Charities Corp. estimates the total cost of the project is \$1,856,803; and

WHEREAS, the Catholic Charities Corp. indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes:

- A. \$40,000 from Community West
- B. \$50,000 from The Gund Foundation
- C. \$600,000 from the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation
- D. \$150,000 from the Department of Homeland Security
- E. \$152,530 from the Office of Refugee Resettlement, Survivors of Torture
- F. \$200,000 from the Cuyahoga County Immigration Legal Services Fund
- G. \$133,443 from the Office of Refugee Resettlement, Afghan Supplement
- H. \$328,000 from the ORR Preferred Communities, Intake and Referral for Ukrainians; and

WHEREAS, the Catholic Charities Corp. is estimating the start date of the project will be April 2024 and the project will be completed by March 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Catholic Charities Corp. requested \$50,000 from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund to complete this project; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding in the amount of \$50,000 to the Catholic Charities Corp. 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 \$50,000 to the Catholic Charities Corp. from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the purpose of the Migration and Refugee Service Immigration and Legal Services 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: January 23, 2024
Committee(s) Assigned: Public Safety & Justice Affairs

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COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION:	
Name of Requesting Entity (City, Business, Non-Profit, etc.): Catholic Charities Corp., Migration and Refugee Services	
Address of Requesting Entity: 7800 Detroit Ave. Cleveland, OH 44102	
County Council District # of Requesting Entity: District 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: Adriana Coppola	
Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity:	
Email: acoppola@ccdole.org	Phone: 216-939-3726
Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.: 34-1318541	Date: 1/12/2024

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):

Since 1948, Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Service (MRS) has provided services to immigrants and refugees in Cleveland from around the globe. MRS is the second largest resettlement office in Ohio, based on the number of new arrivals, number of refugees served, and programs offered.

MRS's Immigration and Legal Services ("ILS") program provides representation to marginalized immigrant community members at critical times in their lives. Whether that be seeking safety in the United States, reuniting with family members, or accessing immigration benefits as victims of crime and violence inside the United States – representation during these times is vital to an immigrant's ability to navigate the increasing complexity of our immigration system.

In 2023, ILS provided direct legal representation to 1,800 immigrants in our community. As a whole, access to legal immigration status provides immigrants a path to security, promotes safety and stability, and facilitates and increases access to community resources. As neighbors, business owners, taxpayers, and workers, immigrants are an integral part of Cleveland's diverse and thriving community and make extensive contributions that benefit all.

ILS utilizes LawLogix Edge, a case management system designed specifically for immigration law, to track and manage cases. All individuals who contact ILS for legal services are entered into the LawLogix database. LawLogix has the capability to generate immigration forms, link case reminder dates to staff calendars, generate reports, manage digital copies of documents, and track staff hours by funding source.

In the next year, ILS anticipates screening over 2,500 individuals seeking legal assistance and providing direct legal services to at least 1,500 individuals. ILS is requesting a \$50,000 grant to support the operation of our legal services program and sustain our ability to respond to the needs of our immigrant neighbors. As upcoming immigration policy changes and international crises unfold, the necessity for immigration legal services is only anticipated to grow. ILS is committed to providing such representation with care and compassion to those in our community who need us most.

Project Start Date: 04/01/2024

Project End Date:03/31/2025

IMPACT OF PROJECT:

Who will be served:

Low income individuals seeking immigration legal services who reside in Cuyahoga County.

How many people will be served annually:

ILS anticipates screening over 2,500 individuals seeking legal assistance and providing direct legal services to at least 1,500 individuals.

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

Yes. ILS determines household income during the intake process. If a client qualifies for services based on low income and other factors, they are scheduled with a consultation with a legal representative. If an individual does not qualify for free assistance under an ILS grant, ILS offers services for a low fee. Our prices are approximately ¼ of what clients would pay to retain a private attorney. ILS uses a sliding-fee-scale and payment plans to make services affordable for low-income individuals.

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

The fundamental purpose of ILS is to provide immigrants in our community with affordable legal representation as they navigate our complex immigration system. Whether it be representation in removal proceedings, assistance with humanitarian applications, or family reunification, our work addresses the ever growing need in our community for competent, affordable legal representation.

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

ILS will utilize the funding to support seven current legal representatives in our office.

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:

Receiving support from the Cuyahoga county will make ILS competitive for future local, state, and federal awards that support legal services to immigrants in our community.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**Total Budget of Project:**

\$1,856,803

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

Community West: \$40,000

The Gund Foundation: \$50,000

Ohio Access to Justice Foundation (legal services for Afghans and Ukrainians): \$600,000

Department of Homeland Security: \$150,000

Office of Refugee Resettlement, Survivors of Torture: \$152,530

Cuyahoga County Immigration Legal Services Fund: \$200,000

Office of Refugee Resettlement , Afghan Supplemental \$133,443

Office of Refugee Resettlement, Survivors of Torture, 152,530

ORR Preferred Communities, Intake and Referral for Ukrainians: \$328,000

Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars:

\$50,000

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

ILS is committed to expanding our services as sustainably as possible. The exciting chance to expand our team and services in the last three years has provided several opportunities to create a sustainable infrastructure for the organization. These efforts include diversifying funding and expanding volunteer support. As we have added more staff members, we have also added more funding sources. ILS has diversified our funding sources to include funders such as the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation, Community West, Ohio Children's Trust Fund, and the Ohio State Bar Foundation among others. ILS will continue to seek funding from current grantors and create relationship with new funders.

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: Adriana Coppola

Signature:



Date: 01/12/2024

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. R2024-0033

Sponsored by: Councilmember Jones	A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$200,000, to the Village of Newburgh Heights for the purpose of the Enhanced Home Maintenance Grant Program from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County received \$239,898,257 from the Federal Government through the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”); and

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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 \$200,000 to the Village of Newburgh Heights for the purpose of the Enhanced Home Maintenance Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Newburgh Heights estimates approximately 180 people will be served annually through this award; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Newburgh Heights estimates approximately 10 permanent and temporary jobs will be created or retained through this project; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Newburgh Heights estimates the total cost of the project is \$280,000; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Newburgh Heights indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes \$40,000 from the Village of Newburgh Heights General Fund and \$40,000 from the homeowners; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Newburgh Heights is estimating the start date of the project will be upon the grant award and the project will be completed 36 months after the award date; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Newburgh Heights requested \$200,000 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 \$200,000 to the Village of Newburgh Heights to ensure this project is completed; and

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

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

County Executive

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Clerk of Council

Date

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Committee(s) Assigned: Public Safety & Justice Affairs

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COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION:	
Name of Requesting Entity (City, Business, Non-Profit, etc.): Village of Newburgh Heights	
Address of Requesting Entity: 3801 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, OH 44105	
County Council District # of Requesting Entity: County Council District 8, Pernel Jones Jr.	
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: Mayor Trevor K. Elkins	
Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity:	
Email: telkins@newburgh-oh.gov	Phone: 216-641-4650
Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.: 34-6002011	Date: 1/16/24

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):

Title: Enhanced Home Maintenance Grant Program and Safety Forces Funding

History: In 2018 the Village of Newburgh Heights initiated a home maintenance grant for residential property owners that also lived in the Village. The program was a matching grant program that awarded up to \$1000 a year with a maximum number of 3 projects over a 5-year period awarded to any single property owner. For illustrative purposes, to receive the full \$3,000, the homeowner would have had to spend \$6000 on approved maintenance projects that improved their property as outlined by ordinance chapter 1365 of the Newburgh Heights codified ordinances. That program had contributed to more than 50 property owners at the time of the pandemic with many more eager to utilize the resources. Due to the loss of employment and/or the rapidly escalating expense of projects, many property owners have been priced out of making basic upgrades or maintenance improvements to their homes they were planning to make by utilizing the Village's grant program.

Need: By authorizing the funding for Newburgh Heights, the County Council would be affording property owners the opportunity to make the necessary improvements. Most homes in Newburgh Heights are at least 100 years old and in need of continuous investment to keep the neighborhood vibrant and attractive. This program would provide long-term dividends in the form of increased property values as well, resulting in additional tax values for the County, Schools, and Municipality, leading to a reduced need to pursue additional operating levies over time.

The recruitment crisis facing law enforcement has impacted the department where we have lost eight officers in the past two years to other agencies. It is also challenging to compete with other agencies who can offer a better financial package. As a smaller agency we previously had 15 officers but are down to nine, which has caused forced overtime and impacted officer morale. We have begun to accept lateral transfers but have had minimal success to this regard. To this end, we are seeking funding for two police officers to allow us to sustain a minimum manning of two (2) officers per eight-hour shift, seven days a week, minimize the use of overtime and improve on officer wellness and morale.

Additionally, over the past several years, our fire department budget has increased due to rising labor costs for changing from a part-time fire department with minimum of 2 (two) firefighters on duty to a full-time fire department while trying to maintain 3 (three) firefighters on duty per day for increased safety for our residents and firefighters. Cuyahoga County ARPA funds will help us retain our firefighters and maintain our daily manpower for our Village and the Cuyahoga Valley Region.

Proposed Program: The housing grant would function similarly to ch. 1365 of the Village's current grant program. The funds would be set aside in a special revenue fund to ensure its use exclusively for the program and matched by the Village of Newburgh Heights up to \$1000 per \$5000 grant awarded by the Village using the ARPA resources. For example, if a project were \$7,000, the Village would award \$5000 of the County ARPA funds, \$1000 in Village matching funds and the homeowner would contribute \$1000. A maximum of \$100,000 would be allocated each year for the next 2 years with a maximum ARPA fund grant size being \$5000. This would allow for at least 20 properties in a year if the maximum award were provided to each. The procedures outlined in ch 1365 of the Village's ordinances would be used as the basis for the review and approval criterion of the enhanced grant program. Payroll for staffing maintenance of the police and fire department would comply with State and Federal regulations.

Tracking: The Village of Newburgh Heights Housing and Building Department will be responsible for providing an annual report to the Village Council and Mayor to provide to County Council regarding the progress and investment resulting from the enhanced grant program.

Project Start Date: Upon grant award

Project End Date: 36 months

IMPACT OF PROJECT:

Who will be served:

Resident residential property owners of Newburgh Heights with a specific emphasis on owner occupied dwellings as well as all commuters (120,000+ daily), residents, and community visitors through maintained safety staffing.

How many people will be served annually:

At least 40 property owners and 180 residents or approximately 9-11% of the village population directly impacted with 100% residually impacted through improved property values, living conditions, and safety response times that also ultimately impact and improves the property values of residential properties in Slavic Village (Cleveland) as well.

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

The entire Village of Newburgh Heights is considered a low to moderate income target zone.

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

Approximately 7 years ago the village established a grant program to service the same demographic. That program would award 50% matching grants up to \$1000 for a residential property owner residing in the village. If the property owner spent \$2,000 the Village would reimburse \$1000. If the property owner spent \$1000 the Village would reimburse \$500. The program was gaining significant momentum with close to 50 participants in its first several years. Rising costs as a result of the pandemic has stalled the progress.

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

Each project results in the creation of at least 1 and as many as 10 temporary construction positions. At least 4 positions will be maintained in the safety forces as a result of the program.

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

In some circumstances it is anticipated residents will convert to fuel efficient tankless water heaters, modernized electrical systems, and solar power as the Village has just updated its solar ordinances.

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

We believe this level of investment will create an upward spiraling effort to modernize, improve efficiency, and lead to ongoing sustained property maintenance investments, ultimately reenergizing the matching grant home maintenance program initiated by the Village. The resources used for this project create a long-term return on investment by improving property value, resulting in increased revenue for the County/Village/Schools and homeowner real estate values and living conditions.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Total Budget of Project:

\$200,000 over 24 months / minimum of 20 properties per year.

\$200,000 to maintain payroll and benefits of 1.25 police officers and 1.25 firefighters over 12 months.

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

\$40,000 over 24 months from the Village's general fund / 20 properties per year.

For each property grant approved for ARPA funding, the Village will match with \$1000

\$40,000 over 24 months from the property owners with a \$1000 match creating a total project of \$280,000.

(\$5000 ARPA + \$1000 Village + \$1000 Homeowner) X 40 projects = \$280,000 minimum investment in housing stock

Police Levy for 2024 is approximately \$260,000.00.

Fire Levy for 2024 is approximately \$290,000.00 and ambulance billings are approximately \$70,000.00.

Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars:

\$400,000 (\$200,000 housing maintenance program and \$200,000 for safety personnel staffing)

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

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Printed Name: Trevor K. Elkins

Signature:



Date: 1/16/24

Additional Documents

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

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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2024-0034

Sponsored by: Councilmember Jones	A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$200,000, to the Village of Newburgh Heights for the purpose of funding Safety Forces from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County received \$239,898,257 from the Federal Government through the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”); and

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

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

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

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

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WHEREAS, the Village of Newburgh Heights estimates approximately 120,000 people will be served daily through this award; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Newburgh Heights estimates approximately 4 permanent and temporary jobs will be created or retained through this project; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Newburgh Heights estimates the total cost of the project is \$550,000; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Newburgh Heights indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes money from the Village of Newburgh Heights Police and Fire Levies; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Newburgh Heights is estimating the start date of the project will be upon the grant award and the project will be completed 36 months after the award date; and

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WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding in the amount of \$200,000 to the Village of Newburgh Heights 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 \$200,000 to the Village of Newburgh Heights from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the purpose of funding Safety Forces.

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.

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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.

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SECTION 8. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: January 23, 2024

Committee(s) Assigned: Public Safety & Justice Affairs

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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.): Village of Newburgh Heights	
Address of Requesting Entity: 3801 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, OH 44105	
County Council District # of Requesting Entity: County Council District 8, Pernel Jones Jr.	
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: Mayor Trevor K. Elkins	
Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity:	
Email: telkins@newburgh-oh.gov	Phone: 216-641-4650
Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.: 34-6002011	Date: 1/16/24

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):

Title: Enhanced Home Maintenance Grant Program and Safety Forces Funding

History: In 2018 the Village of Newburgh Heights initiated a home maintenance grant for residential property owners that also lived in the Village. The program was a matching grant program that awarded up to \$1000 a year with a maximum number of 3 projects over a 5-year period awarded to any single property owner. For illustrative purposes, to receive the full \$3,000, the homeowner would have had to spend \$6000 on approved maintenance projects that improved their property as outlined by ordinance chapter 1365 of the Newburgh Heights codified ordinances. That program had contributed to more than 50 property owners at the time of the pandemic with many more eager to utilize the resources. Due to the loss of employment and/or the rapidly escalating expense of projects, many property owners have been priced out of making basic upgrades or maintenance improvements to their homes they were planning to make by utilizing the Village's grant program.

Need: By authorizing the funding for Newburgh Heights, the County Council would be affording property owners the opportunity to make the necessary improvements. Most homes in Newburgh Heights are at least 100 years old and in need of continuous investment to keep the neighborhood vibrant and attractive. This program would provide long-term dividends in the form of increased property values as well, resulting in additional tax values for the County, Schools, and Municipality, leading to a reduced need to pursue additional operating levies over time.

The recruitment crisis facing law enforcement has impacted the department where we have lost eight officers in the past two years to other agencies. It is also challenging to compete with other agencies who can offer a better financial package. As a smaller agency we previously had 15 officers but are down to nine, which has caused forced overtime and impacted officer morale. We have begun to accept lateral transfers but have had minimal success to this regard. To this end, we are seeking funding for two police officers to allow us to sustain a minimum manning of two (2) officers per eight-hour shift, seven days a week, minimize the use of overtime and improve on officer wellness and morale.

Additionally, over the past several years, our fire department budget has increased due to rising labor costs for changing from a part-time fire department with minimum of 2 (two) firefighters on duty to a full-time fire department while trying to maintain 3 (three) firefighters on duty per day for increased safety for our residents and firefighters. Cuyahoga County ARPA funds will help us retain our firefighters and maintain our daily manpower for our Village and the Cuyahoga Valley Region.

Proposed Program: The housing grant would function similarly to ch. 1365 of the Village's current grant program. The funds would be set aside in a special revenue fund to ensure its use exclusively for the program and matched by the Village of Newburgh Heights up to \$1000 per \$5000 grant awarded by the Village using the ARPA resources. For example, if a project were \$7,000, the Village would award \$5000 of the County ARPA funds, \$1000 in Village matching funds and the homeowner would contribute \$1000. A maximum of \$100,000 would be allocated each year for the next 2 years with a maximum ARPA fund grant size being \$5000. This would allow for at least 20 properties in a year if the maximum award were provided to each. The procedures outlined in ch 1365 of the Village's ordinances would be used as the basis for the review and approval criterion of the enhanced grant program. Payroll for staffing maintenance of the police and fire department would comply with State and Federal regulations.

Tracking: The Village of Newburgh Heights Housing and Building Department will be responsible for providing an annual report to the Village Council and Mayor to provide to County Council regarding the progress and investment resulting from the enhanced grant program.

Project Start Date: Upon grant award

Project End Date: 36 months

IMPACT OF PROJECT:

Who will be served:

Resident residential property owners of Newburgh Heights with a specific emphasis on owner occupied dwellings as well as all commuters (120,000+ daily), residents, and community visitors through maintained safety staffing.

How many people will be served annually:

At least 40 property owners and 180 residents or approximately 9-11% of the village population directly impacted with 100% residually impacted through improved property values, living conditions, and safety response times that also ultimately impact and improves the property values of residential properties in Slavic Village (Cleveland) as well.

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

The entire Village of Newburgh Heights is considered a low to moderate income target zone.

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

Approximately 7 years ago the village established a grant program to service the same demographic. That program would award 50% matching grants up to \$1000 for a residential property owner residing in the village. If the property owner spent \$2,000 the Village would reimburse \$1000. If the property owner spent \$1000 the Village would reimburse \$500. The program was gaining significant momentum with close to 50 participants in its first several years. Rising costs as a result of the pandemic has stalled the progress.

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

Each project results in the creation of at least 1 and as many as 10 temporary construction positions. At least 4 positions will be maintained in the safety forces as a result of the program.

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

In some circumstances it is anticipated residents will convert to fuel efficient tankless water heaters, modernized electrical systems, and solar power as the Village has just updated its solar ordinances.

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

We believe this level of investment will create an upward spiraling effort to modernize, improve efficiency, and lead to ongoing sustained property maintenance investments, ultimately reenergizing the matching grant home maintenance program initiated by the Village. The resources used for this project create a long-term return on investment by improving property value, resulting in increased revenue for the County/Village/Schools and homeowner real estate values and living conditions.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Total Budget of Project:

\$200,000 over 24 months / minimum of 20 properties per year.

\$200,000 to maintain payroll and benefits of 1.25 police officers and 1.25 firefighters over 12 months.

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

\$40,000 over 24 months from the Village's general fund / 20 properties per year.

For each property grant approved for ARPA funding, the Village will match with \$1000

\$40,000 over 24 months from the property owners with a \$1000 match creating a total project of \$280,000.

(\$5000 ARPA + \$1000 Village + \$1000 Homeowner) X 40 projects = \$280,000 minimum investment in housing stock

Police Levy for 2024 is approximately \$260,000.00.

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