



AGENDA

CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2014

CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER

COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR

10:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 19, 2014 MEETING

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) O2014-0007: An Ordinance amending Cuyahoga County Code Section 804.01(C): Component Two – Post-Secondary College or University Scholarship Program to approve revised geographical limitations on eligible institutions, to increase maximum yearly scholarships to \$1,500.00, and to enable the Program Administrator to repurpose unexpended funds allocated for scholarships; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

- b) R2014-0059: A Resolution making an award to College Now Greater Cleveland in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Fund for Component Two of the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Program for the period ending 6/30/2015; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

8. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2014
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Simon asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Hairston, Germana, Schron and Connally were in attendance and a quorum was determined.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

No public comments were given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 19, 2014 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Connally, seconded by Ms. Simon and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2014 meeting.

5. PRESENTATION

a) College Now Greater Cleveland

Ms. Lee Friedman, Chief Executive Officer of College Now Greater Cleveland, and Mr. Robert Durham, Director of Scholarship Services and Financial Aid of College Now Greater Cleveland, presented the Committee with information relating to the number of scholarships granted, grade point averages, graduation rates and retention rates of scholarship recipients. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Friedman and Mr. Durham pertaining to the items, which they answered accordingly.

Ms. Winifred Wilson, first year college student at Baldwin Wallace College, and Mr. Ed Korse, first year college student at Baldwin Wallace College, addressed the Committee regarding the benefits of receiving a scholarship and their experiences during their first year of college. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Wilson and Mr. Korse pertaining to the items, which they answered accordingly.

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Ms. Friedman addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2014-0007. Discussion ensued.

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

No further legislative action was taken on Ordinance No. O2014-0007.

- b) R2014-0059: A Resolution making an award to College Now Greater Cleveland in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Fund for Component Two of the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Program for the period ending 6/30/2015; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

No legislative action was taken on Resolution No. R2014-0059.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were given.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Ordinance No. O2014-0007

Sponsored by: Councilmember Simon	An Ordinance amending Cuyahoga County Code Section 804.01(C): Component Two – Post-Secondary College or University Scholarship Program to approve revised geographical limitations on eligible institutions, to increase maximum yearly scholarships to \$1,500.00, and to enable the Program Administrator to repurpose unexpended funds allocated for scholarships; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3.09(11) of the Charter authorizes Council to “establish and provide for the administration of a program to provide scholarships, loans, grants and other forms of financial assistance for residents of the County that will enable them to participate in post-secondary education, including vocational education and job training and retraining;” and

WHEREAS, Section 804.01 of the County Code established the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Program (the “Program”); and

WHEREAS, Section 804.01 of the County Code was amended to add an additional component to the Program, to authorize an alternative procurement process and to authorize Council to annually designate the amount of budgeted funds to be allocated for each component of the Program; and

WHEREAS, Implementation and administration of the Program during its initial year of operation have highlighted possible design changes to improve the effectiveness of the Program; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County entity.

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

SECTION 1. Section 804.01(C)(1) of the Cuyahoga County Code is hereby amended to read as follows (deletions struck through and additions underlined):

1. Component Two of the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Program provides financial assistance for Cuyahoga County residents seeking a postsecondary college or university degree at institutions located within ~~Cuyahoga County~~ the State of Ohio.

SECTION 2. Section 804.01(C)(2) of the Cuyahoga County Code is hereby amended to read as follows (deletions struck though and additions underlined):

1. Individual one (1) year renewable scholarships will be awarded up to an initial maximum of ~~\$1,250.00~~ \$1,500.00. If allocated and awarded funds are unexpended due to the ineligibility of a scholarship recipient, the administrator of the Program may use such funds to equally supplement each of the scholarship amounts awarded to the remaining, eligible scholarship recipients within the cohort of that ineligible scholarship recipient.

SECTION 3. It is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County and the reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Ordinance 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 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Ordinance 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 actions 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 Ordinance was duly enacted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: March 11, 2014
Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

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[PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE]

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

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WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3.09(11) of the Charter authorizes Council to “establish and provide for the administration of a program to provide scholarships, loans, grants and other forms of financial assistance for residents of the County that will enable them to participate in post-secondary education, including vocational education and job training and retraining;” and

WHEREAS, Section 804.01 of the County Code established the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Program (the “Program”); and

WHEREAS, Section 804.01 of the County Code was amended to add an additional component to the Program, to authorize an alternative procurement process and to authorize Council to annually designate the amount of budgeted funds to be allocated for each component of the Program; and

WHEREAS, Implementation and administration of the Program during its initial year of operation have highlighted possible design changes to improve the effectiveness of the Program; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County entity.

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

SECTION 1. Section 804.01(C)(2) of the Cuyahoga County Code is hereby amended to read as follows (deletions struck though and additions underlined):

1. Individual one (1) year renewable scholarships will be awarded up to **an initial** maximum of ~~\$1,250.00~~**\$1,500.00**. **If allocated and awarded funds are unexpended due to the ineligibility of a scholarship recipient, the administrator of the Program may use such funds to supplement the next amount of budgeted funds annually designated by County Council for Component Two.**

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County and the reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Ordinance 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 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Ordinance 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 actions 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 Ordinance was duly enacted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President	Date

County Executive	Date

Clerk of Council	Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: March 11, 2014
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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2014-0059

<p>Sponsored by: Councilmember Simon</p> <p>Co-sponsored by: Councilmember Miller</p>	<p>A Resolution making an award to College Now Greater Cleveland in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Fund for Component Two of the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Program for the period ending 6/30/2015; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.</p>
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WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3.09(11) of the Charter authorizes Council to “establish and provide for the administration of a program to provide scholarships, loans, grants and other forms of financial assistance for residents of the County that will enable them to participate in post-secondary education, including vocational education and job training and retraining;” and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. O2012-0007 established the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Program (the “Program”) and the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Fund (the “Fund”); and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. O2012-0007 was amended to add an additional component to the Program, to authorize an alternative procurement process and to authorize Council to annually designate the amount of budgeted funds to be allocated for each component of the Program; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County Council set aside \$500,000.00 in the 2014-2015 Biennial Budget for each component of the Program; and

WHEREAS, Council has determined to allocate an amount to College Now Greater Cleveland for Component Two of the Program; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County program.

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

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby authorizes the award of \$500,000.00 to College Now Greater Cleveland for scholarships, retention and mentoring services for Cuyahoga County residents as described in Component Two of the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Program for the period ending June 30, 2015. Of the total award, College Now Greater Cleveland shall use \$420,000.00 for direct scholarships and may use the remainder for retention and mentoring services and program administration.

SECTION 2. That the County Executive is authorized to execute a contract in connection with the authorized expenditures and all other documents consistent with this Resolution.

SECTION 3. 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 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council 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: March 11, 2014

Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

Additional Sponsorship Requested on the Floor: March 11, 2014

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