



**AGENDA**  
**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021**  
**CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS**  
**C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**  
**10:00 AM**

**\*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cuyahoga County Administration Building is closed to the public at this time. As this meeting is being conducted remotely, in accordance with HB 197, interested persons may access the meeting via livestream by using the following link:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/CuyahogaCounty>

**\*\*Public comment for this meeting may be submitted in writing via email to the Assistant Deputy Clerk of Council at [arjohnson@cuyahogacounty.us](mailto:arjohnson@cuyahogacounty.us) no later than 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 15, 2021.**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 18, 2021 MEETING**
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
  - a) R2021-0075: A Resolution authorizing awards totaling \$11,000,000 of U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance funds to various nonprofit organizations to provide emergency rental assistance to income-eligible tenants unable to pay their full monthly rent due to the economic impact from COVID-19 for the period 4/1/2021 – 12/31/2021; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreements and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and

declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- i) CHN Housing Partners in the amount of \$10,000,000
- ii) The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland in the amount of \$1,000,000

**6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**



## **MINUTES**

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10:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

**Chairwoman Stephens called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.**

2. ROLL CALL

**Ms. Stephens asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Johnson to call the roll. Committee members Stephens, Jones, Simon, Gallagher, and Baker were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmembers Miller and Conwell were also in attendance.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**There were no public comments submitted.**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 30, 2020 MEETING

**A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Baker, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the November 30, 2020 meeting.**

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2021-0041: A Resolution awarding a sum, not to exceed \$70,000.00, to the Italian American Brotherhood Club, a non-profit entity, to create, place, and maintain a sculpture of Cleveland Indians icon Rocco

(“Rocky”) Domenico Colavito, Jr. to be erected in the Tony Brush Park in Little Italy, in the City of Cleveland, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor; and Mr. Joe Gazzo, Member of the Italian American Brotherhood Club, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0041. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Messrs. McAleer and Gazzo pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**A motion was made and subsequently withdrawn by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Ms. Simon to refer Resolution No. R2021-0041 to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

**On a motion by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2021-0041 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.**

**Committee members Jones, Simon, Baker and Councilmember Miller requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to Resolution No. R2021-0041.**

#### **6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

#### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Stephens adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m., without objection.**

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Resolution No. R2021-0075

Sponsored by: <b>County Executive Budish/Department of Development</b>	<b>A Resolution</b> authorizing awards totaling \$11,000,000 of U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance funds to various nonprofit organizations to provide emergency rental assistance to income-eligible tenants unable to pay their full monthly rent due to the economic impact from COVID-19 for the period 4/1/2021 – 12/31/2021; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreements and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused severe economic disruption including loss of income for many lower income households, resulting in the inability to pay their monthly rent and the subsequent threat of homelessness and housing instability; and

WHEREAS, the inability of lower income residents to pay their monthly rent also causes economic disruption for the owners of rental property; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County is working in collaboration with nonprofit partners and municipalities to direct federal funds to a uniform countywide system for emergency rental assistance in order to prevent evictions and maintain housing for eligible county residents; and

WHEREAS, based on a Request for Qualifications issued by the Department of Development, the County Executive has recommended awards to and agreements with CHN Housing Partners and the Legal Aid Society, as detailed below, with the primary goal of providing countywide emergency rental assistance to income-eligible tenants unable to pay their full monthly rent due to the economic impact from COVID-19 for the period 4/1/2021 – 12/31/2021; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue.

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby awards the following amounts of U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance funds to provide emergency rental assistance to income-eligible tenants, in Cuyahoga County municipalities outside the City of Cleveland, unable to pay their full monthly rent due to the economic impact from COVID-19, for the period 4/1/2021 – 12/31/2021:

- a) Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) to CHN Housing Partners for rental assistance, which may include up to 12 months back rent accrued since April 1, 2020, due to the impact of COVID-19, and also up to 3 months ongoing assistance if eligibility and need continues, with not more than 10% of the amount awarded used for eligible operating costs and housing stability services under written guidance issued by the U.S. Treasury; and
- b) One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) to the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, subject to confirmation by the Law Department that the cost of providing legal representation is an eligible “other expense” under written guidance issued by the U.S. Treasury

**SECTION 2.** That the County Executive is authorized to execute the agreements 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, and safety in the County; and the 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

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Clerk of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: March 9, 2021  
Committee(s) Assigned: Community Development

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