



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING
COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM

Committee Members:

Yvonne M. Conwell, Chair – District 7
Martin J. Sweeney, Vice Chair – District 3
Cheryl L. Stephens – District 10
Meredith M. Turner – District 9
Dale Miller – District 2

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 19, 2023 MEETING** [See Page 3]
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
 - a) R2023-0111: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to the Brenda Glass Multipurpose Trauma Center for general operating support from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 5]
- 6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

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MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Conwell called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Conwell asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Committee members Conwell, Turner and Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee members Sweeney and Stephens were absent from the meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to excuse Mr. Sweeney and Ms. Stephens from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 5, 2023 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2023 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2023-0109: A Resolution making an award on RQ8737 to YMCA of Greater Cleveland in the amount not-to-exceed \$627,786.00 for building rehabilitation and repair in connection with alternative housing and related services and support for COVID Recovery for the period 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2023; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 2979 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution;

and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. David Merriman, Director and Mr. Marcos Cortes, Administrator of the Division of Contracts and Performance for the Department of Health and Human Services; Ms. Melissa Sirak, Director of the Office of Homeless Services; Mr. Ed Gernerchak, Vice President of Behavioral Health Services for the YMCA of Greater Cleveland and Executive Director of Y-Haven; and Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor for County Council, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0109. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Merriman, Mr. Cortes, Ms. Sirak, Mr. Gernerchak and Mr. McAleer pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2023-0109 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.

Mr. Miller requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Ms. Conwell shared information regarding a proposed joint committee with the City of Cleveland to address the challenge of assisting shelter-resistant individuals and the accessibility to sufficient shelter sites, particularly through the winter months.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 1:26 p.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2023-0111

Sponsored by: Councilmember Turner	A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to the Brenda Glass Multipurpose Trauma Center for general operating support 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 \$20,000 to the Brenda Glass Multipurpose Trauma Center for general operating support; and

WHEREAS, the Brenda Glass Multipurpose Trauma Center estimates approximately 150 to 200 families will be served annually through this award; and

WHEREAS, the Brenda Glass Multipurpose Trauma Center estimates approximately 4 permanent and temporary jobs will be created or retained through this project; and

WHEREAS, the Brenda Glass Multipurpose Trauma Center estimates the total cost of the project is \$878,603; and

WHEREAS, the Brenda Glass Multipurpose Trauma Center indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes:

- A. \$50,000 from the Cleveland Foundation (pending);
- B. \$50,000 from the George Gund Foundation (pending);
- C. \$467,200 from an Office of Criminal Justice Services grant (pending);
- D. \$200,000 from Victims of Crime Act funding; and

WHEREAS, the Brenda Glass Multipurpose Trauma Center requested \$20,000 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 \$20,000 to the Brenda Glass Multipurpose Trauma Center 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 \$20,000 to the Brenda Glass Multipurpose Trauma Center from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for general operating support.

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

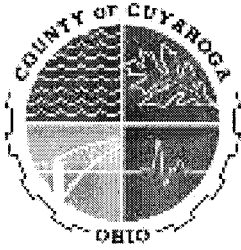
Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: April 25, 2023

Committee(s) Assigned: Human Resources, Appointments & Equity

Journal _____

_____, 20____



**Cuyahoga County
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COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION:	
Name of Requesting Entity (City, Business, Non-Profit, etc.): Brenda Glass Multipurpose Trauma Center	
Address of Requesting Entity: 24885 Randolph Rd Bedford Heights, OH 44146	
County Council District # of Requesting Entity: 9	
Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity: 9333 Miles Ave Cleveland, OH 44105	
County Council District # of Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity: 8	
Contact Name of Person Filling out This Request: Brenda Glass	
Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity:	
Email: bglass@brendaglasstraumacenter.org	Phone: 440-836-2576
Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.: 83-1398311	Date: 10/18/2018

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Program Description:

BGMTC provide services that help to prevent re-occurrences of violence, retaliation, and interventions once a person experiences a violent crime. The San Francisco Trauma Recover Center Model is an evidenced based method that has been used and found to be effective since 2002. There are 41 trauma recovery centers across the country who are committed to using this model. Brenda Glass Multipurpose Trauma Center (BGMTC) is one of Cuyahoga County's comprehensive trauma recovery centers that provides 24x7x365 safe shelter through confidential scattered site housing, psychotherapy, intensive case management, peer advocacy and relocation assistance. The non-profit Center, located in Cleveland, offers hope, help, and healing to adults and/or families who have experienced a violent crime and are struggling to recover.

When you support this life-saving work, BGMTC will provide survivor-centered healing and safety for hundreds of victims of violent crimes in Cuyahoga County per year. We help those who are underserved or not served at all. With a \$20,000 grant for general operating support, we will reach our survivor-centered healing and intervention goals by engaging victims in trauma-focused psychotherapy, intensive case management, and evidence-based community-based peer support advocacy. Survivors are helped with practical needs such as emergency food, clothing, personal hygiene item. We also help with employment.

The survivor completes a needs assessment and biopsychosocial assessment during the initial engagement. Once the survivor's practical and mental health needs are determined a treatment plan is developed to guide the services and interventions to be implemented. The survivor then meets with the case manager for transport to the safe shelter, if needed, or to another safe location. The survivors agrees to meet with the psychotherapist once a week and with the case manager two to three times a week. Psychotherapy and case management session are not limited to one hour. Often sessions are 90 minutes to two hours in length. This practice allows the survivor to develop trust and feel comfortable working through difficult aspects of healing. Survivors receive sixteen weeks of therapy initially. A clinical consultation is used to assess if more time is needed based on the survivor's progress towards treatment goals.

The families are in a unit by themselves and no more than two same sex survivors are in a unit. This scatter site method of sheltering has proven to be more effective in transitioning survivors and their families from shelter to permanent housing in a shorter period than traditional models. The family feels more valued and maintain their dignity and respect that may have been taken from them by violence. The family is moved away from familiar surroundings which provides a fresh start that is more motivating.

Case managers and psychotherapist begin relocation efforts at intake by researching community resources, housing voucher opportunities, and potential units suitable for appropriate relocation to safe permanent housing. Survivors are accompanied to all appointment and interviews until it is deemed safe and the survivor express confidence in traveling on their own.

The time spent in shelter varies from one week to 90 days depending on the need and safety concerns. Families are assisted with transitioning into their permanent units by staff and volunteers. Families are also assisted with housekeeping items and bedding as well as some furniture by networking with The Cleveland Furniture Bank to assist with the relocation efforts.

IMPACT OF PROJECT:

Who will be served:

Our program serves male and female survivors of violent crime and their families. We serve populations who are hardest hit and least served such as person with felony records or those re-entering society. The percentage of survivors seen are as follows: 50% domestic violence, 30% DV/sexual assaults, and 20% gun violence.

How many people will be served annually:

We will be able to serve 150 to 200 survivors/families annually at our current capacity. Our goal is to increase that number to 300 survivors by 2025 with the help of pending grants and more safe shelter units and staff.

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

The majority of the families we have served fall within the low and moderate income bracket. During grant years 2021-2022 80% of the families were in the low-income category and 15% were in moderate. The other 5% were in higher than moderate category.

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

Victims of violent crimes are in the low income or no income categories due to low self-image and limited supportive services in obtaining employment, and maintaining employment once they are hired. Helping survivors develop hope and helping them heal from trauma instills confidence and motivation to become productive citizens. We network with employers who are willing to hire our clients. By supporting our Black Owned and operated agency you will be keeping in line with the County's plan to help small businesses.

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

Your support will help our agency create one position and maintain three positions. The jobs will be permanent and supported by other grant funding.

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

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

This program will serve as catalyst for future initiatives in that it will help to establish a system of care that is proven to be more cost effective and efficient means of serving victims of violent crimes in Cuyahoga County. This evidence-based model will be expanded to work with children and teenagers who experience or engage in violence.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Total Budget of Project: Project total budget is \$878,603.00

\$284,443 Salaries and benefits

\$58,960 Consultants (Human resources, tax preparation serviced, fund raiser professional services)

\$487,200 Victim Support (Safe shelter, relocation assistance basic needs and milage)

\$48,000 Indirect expenses (Marketing, rent, cell phones, IT, internet, payroll system)

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

\$50,000 General operating support (decision pending at Cleveland Foundation)

\$50,000 General operating support (decision pending at the George Gund Foundation)

\$467,200 (OCJS grant, decision pending for this state-wide competitive application.)

\$200,000 VOCA funds are committed through 9/30/2023. VOCA funds will be re-applied for in June of 2023 for period 2023/2024.

\$20,000 Requested from Cuyahoga County American Rescue Plan

Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars:

We are currently in need of \$20,000 to assist us in our efforts to provide safe shelter, psychotherapy, intensive case management, and relocation assistance to victims of violent crime and their families. Your support will help us to prevent future violence due to retaliation, revictimization, and living in at-risk communities. Families who heal from the experience of violence are less likely to engage in violence.

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

The project will be supported by reimbursement from Medicaid and private insurances for up to 10% of services rendered.

The other 90% of funding will come from in-kind, grants, donations, and foundations.

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:

Brenda Glass, MSSA, LISW-S, CEO

Signature:

Brenda Glass, MSSA, LISW-S, CEO

Date:

4/3/2023

Additional Documents

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