



**AGENDA**  
**CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023**  
**CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS**  
**C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> 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 12, 2023 MEETING**
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
  - a) R2023-0204: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$25,000, to the Neighborhood Pets Outreach & Resource Center for Pet Care Support for Homebound Seniors from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- 6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

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## MINUTES

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3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

**Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.**

2. ROLL CALL

**Ms. Simon asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Stephens, Jones, Schron and Conwell were in attendance and a quorum was determined.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**There were no public comments given.**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 14, 2023 MEETING

**A motion was made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Mr. Jones and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2023 meeting.**

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2023-0166: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$106,000, to Merrick House for the Youth Development and Leadership Program from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Harriet Hadley, Executive Director of Merrick House; and Ms. Sharon Grant Burton, Program Consultant for Merrick House, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0166. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Hadley and Ms. Grant Burton pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2023-0166 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- b) R2023-0167: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$49,000, to Merrick House for capital improvements to the Merrick House Community Center from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Hadley and Ms. Grant Burton addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0167. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Hadley and Ms. Grant Burton pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2023-0167 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- c) R2023-0169: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$75,000, to the Catholic Charities Job and Career Training Center for the Workforce Development Career Pathways Project from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Autumn Winfield, Director of Job and Career Training for Catholic Charities, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0169. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2023-0169 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- d) R2023-0173: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$25,000, to the Olivet Housing and Community Development Corporation for the NECESS Initiative and workforce development training and education from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Dr. Daisy Alford-Smith, Executive Director of Olivet Housing and Community Development Corporation, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0173. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Dr. Alford-Smith pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2023-0173 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- e) R2023-0189: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Dunnican Foundation for the Comics at the Corner Literacy Lounge from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Dawn Arrington, Founder of Comics at the Corner, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0189. Discussion ensued.**

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

**Mr. Joseph Nanni, Chief of Staff for County Council, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0189. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Nanni pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**Committee members Simon, Jones and Stephens stated that they will introduce an amendment to the legislation at the next Council meeting to increase the award to the Dunnican Foundation.**

**On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2023-0189 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

f) R2023-0200: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Master Contract with various providers for the Comprehensive Case Management Employment Program- Employment, Education and Training Services for Young Adults for the period 4/1/2022 – 12/31/2023, to change the terms, effective 4/1/2023, and for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed \$829,059.00; authorizing the County Executive to amend Contracts Nos. 2389 and 2390 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Contract No. 2389 with Verge, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$-0-.
- 2) Contract No. 2390 with Youth Opportunities Unlimited in the amount not-to-exceed \$829,059.00.

**Mr. Marcos Cortes, Administrator of the Division of Contracts Administration and Performance; Mr. Craig Dorn, President and CEO of Youth Opportunities Unlimited; Mr. Eric Dillenbeck, Director of Work Experience for Youth Opportunities Unlimited; and Mr. Paul Bounds, Deputy Administrator of Employment and Career Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0200. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Messrs. Cortes, Dorn, Dillenbeck and Bounds pertaining to the item, which then answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2023-0200 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

#### 6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

#### 7. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m., without objection.**

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Resolution No. R2023-0204

Sponsored by: <b>Councilmember Jones</b>	<b>A Resolution</b> awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$25,000, to the Neighborhood Pets Outreach & Resource Center for Pet Care Support for Homebound Seniors 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

**WHEREAS**, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund in the amount of \$25,000 to the Neighborhood Pets Outreach & Resource Center for Pet Care Support for Homebound Seniors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Neighborhood Pets Outreach & Resource Center estimates approximately 150 people will be served annually through this award; and

**WHEREAS**, the Neighborhood Pets Outreach & Resource Center estimates approximately 1 permanent job will be created or retained through this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Neighborhood Pets Outreach & Resource Center estimates the total cost of the project is \$136,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Neighborhood Pets Outreach & Resource Center indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes:

- A. \$50,000 from the Cleveland Foundation (pending);
- B. \$61,000 from in-kind contributions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Neighborhood Pets Outreach & Resource Center is estimating the start date of the project will be September 2023 and the project will be completed by August 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Neighborhood Pets Outreach & Resource Center requested \$25,000 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 \$25,000 to the Neighborhood Pets Outreach & Resource 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 \$25,000 to the Neighborhood Pets Outreach & Resource Center from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for Pet Care Support for Homebound Seniors.

**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:

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County Council President                      \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Executive                                  \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council                                  \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: July 18, 2023  
Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

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## Cuyahoga County Council

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### COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT APPLICATION

<b>APPLICANT INFORMATION:</b>	
<b>Name of Requesting Entity (City, Business, Non-Profit, etc.):</b> Neighborhood Pets Outreach & Resource Center	
<b>Address of Requesting Entity:</b> 3711 East 65th Street, Cleveland, OH 44105	
<b>County Council District # of Requesting Entity:</b> 8	
<b>Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity:</b> n/a	
<b>County Council District # of Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity:</b> n/a	
<b>Address of Entity:</b> n/a	
<b>Contact Name of Person Filling out This Request:</b> Becca Britton	
<b>Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity:</b> n/a	
<b>Email:</b> director@neighborhoodpetscle.org	<b>Phone:</b> 216-534-0624
<b>Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.:</b> 27-2026307	<b>Date:</b> 2/28/2013

<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>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):</b>
<b>Project Name: Pet Care Support for Homebound Seniors in partnership with Cleveland Food Bank</b>
Neighborhood Pets is a community-based nonprofit organization currently serving 6,300 households across the Cleveland area. That number grows by approximately 100 households each month. We estimate that

one-third (or just over 2,000) of those households are located within District 8 of Cuyahoga County Council. Neighborhood Pets cares deeply about people and the pets they love.

The organization focuses on safety net resources for pet owners with low income in the Cleveland, OH area. Our core services include a pet food pantry, free spay/neuter and low-cost pet wellness care & supplies. Additionally, we strive to maintain a holistic approach to our work. Therefore, we partner with various social service organizations to provide information and resources to pet owners revolving around their own mental and physical health, housing insecurities, senior services, safety, and more.

The proposed project will support a new partnership with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. At the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, the Greater Cleveland Food Bank began delivery to homebound seniors of food boxes. As this food delivery program continues, Neighborhood Pets will be an active partner. This project will leverage those deliveries to reach homebound seniors with pets who may be unaware of the services provided by Neighborhood Pets. Further, this project will provide seniors with the resources necessary to keep their pets happy and healthy including pet food, pet supplies, flea prevention, vaccines, spay/neuter, and financial assistance at full-service veterinary clinics for issues that go beyond what we are able to provide.

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank is making some changes to their delivery program and will be sending a letter to all participants. Included in the mailing will also be a letter from Neighborhood Pets explaining who we are, what we do, and how they can sign up for free pet food deliveries to their home. They also have the option to request other pet care services and supplies, which will be managed by our project coordinator.

Key elements of this project include providing Pet Care Kits that contain pet food (and basic supplies if requested). These Pet Care Kits will be delivered by Greater Cleveland Food Bank on a monthly basis, along with their human food supplies. Other elements of this program will include responding to the needs of the clients, coordination of appointments and transportation for grooming and veterinary appointments; and assisting with the cost of diagnostics and treatment for any acute issues.

Because these seniors are homebound, significant coordination among our staff, volunteers, and veterinary partners will be necessary to deliver these critical services.

Neighborhood Pets focuses on the needs of pet owners for two reasons. First, the benefits of the human-animal bond are compelling on multiple levels. Second, there are many barriers to accessing veterinary care for pet owners with low income. It is estimated that at least 50% of older adults in the U.S. have pets. It is further estimated that more than one-third of Americans older than 65 and half of those over 85 live alone, and that social isolation and loneliness impact mental health. Research has shown that pet owners derive multiple mental and physical health benefits from their interaction with their pets. A 2016 study published in *BMC Psychiatry* found that 60% of people with chronic mental health conditions considered their pets to be as important as family members. A 2019 national survey commissioned by the Human Animal Bond Research Initiative (HABRI) and Mars Petcare, found that 80% of pet owners say their pet makes them feel less lonely, and 54% say their pet helps them connect with other people. In May 2023 an economic report commissioned by HABRI revealed that the benefits derived from pet ownership save the U.S. healthcare system \$22.7 billion annually.



This project will focus on helping more seniors access the resources they need to take care of their pets so they can continue to reap the benefits of the human-animal bond. Homebound seniors face a unique barrier to accessing care for their pets and this project aims to mitigate that barrier.

The requested funds will support program management, food and packaging supplies, transportation, grooming services, and veterinary care as needed. Staff time will be necessary to manage the overall project and case management, order and package supplies, coordinate transportation and additional veterinary care as needed .

Supplies will include Pet Care Kits (food, supplies, etc.); we anticipate delivery of 800 Pet Care Kits annually to 150 homes. Transport expenses will include transport to Neighborhood Pets to access our discounted pet services and grooming, and to a local veterinarian for urgent pet care needs. Funds for grooming and veterinary services will be used for urgent issues that are outside the scope of our regular services.

**Project Milestones:**

- 9/1/23, Letter delivered to Food Bank clients
- 10/1/23, Homebound seniors begin receiving Pet Care Kits
- 8/31/23, Year 1 ends

**Ongoing between 10/1/23 and 8/31/23:**

- Communication and service coordination with program participants
- Check-ins with Greater Cleveland Food Bank

**Project Start Date:** 9/1/2023

**Project End Date:** 8/31/2024

**IMPACT OF PROJECT:**

**Who will be served:**

Pet owners living within Cuyahoga County and receiving food boxes through the Greater Cleveland Food Bank’s program for homebound seniors are the target population for this project. There are currently 300 seniors enrolled in the program, and we estimate that 150 of them own pets.

We have targeted this population because we believe there is a big need for services. Approximately 36% of our existing clients are seniors. These are seniors who are not homebound, and we see their struggles with pet care. They are living on fixed incomes and the cost of basic pet care needs at retail stores are more than they can afford. Our clients struggle with the cost of veterinary care as well. In Cleveland the average cost for a vet exam is \$50; that is before any necessary medications or treatment. Neighborhood Pets offers free exams, pet supplies and wellness care to them at a cost they can afford. Additionally, many of them have mobility and dexterity issues which create challenges in grooming their pets. In response, we recently started offering maintenance grooming services for clients who can’t physically bathe their pets or trim their nails.

Our experience with our existing clients leads us to believe that the needs of homebound seniors will be even greater.

**How many people will be served annually:**

We estimate that 150 people will be served annually directly through this project. However, as word of mouth is the number one way that people find out about Neighborhood Pets and the services that we offer, we expect that other seniors will hear about us too and be served through our existing operations.

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

All of our over 6,300 clients have income below 150% of the poverty level. The target population for this project is homebound seniors living on a fixed income.

Approximately 12.2% of older adults (60+)\* living in Cuyahoga County live below poverty. In Council District 8 that number is 16.3% for seniors (65+)\*.

*\*According to the 2022 Fact Sheets compiled by The Center for Community Solutions.*

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

Neighborhood Pets aligns with the mission of Cuyahoga County’s division of Health and Human Services to connect people with the opportunity to live their best lives.

At Neighborhood Pets the focus is on people and building a community. Our Resource and Wellness Center has organically become an anchor in the community. The organization has received considerable national attention for our innovative and relationship-based approach that values the person as much as the pet. Neighborhood Pets works with those struggling with poverty, providing free food and low- or no-cost medical services, allowing them to keep their pets in their homes. Relationships with clients are long-lasting and built on mutual trust. Clients are treated with respect, kindness and without judgment. Neighborhood Pets feels strongly that access to pet care is a social justice issue; pet ownership should not be a luxury.

The need for the services provided by Neighborhood Pets is evident. 17.1% of Cuyahoga County’s residents live below the Federal Poverty Level. In Cleveland, where most of our clients reside, that number is 31.8% of residents. With Cuyahoga County’s senior population (older than 65) at 18.2%, and 12.2% of those older than 60 living in deep poverty, expanding our outreach and services to seniors is a priority for Neighborhood Pets.

Neighborhood Pets is located in a high-need neighborhood on the east side of the city. Nearly 8,000 people living in the immediate area live in poverty. An additional 8,500 people live in poverty in the three neighborhoods surrounding our location. The eastern portion of the City of Cleveland could be described as a “pet resource desert”. Within the city limits there is only one veterinary clinic on the east side, and there are no pet supply stores. Accessing pet care resources is extremely challenging for residents of the city.

These challenges are compounded for the homebound seniors living on fixed incomes who will be served through this project.



The Greater Cleveland Food Bank is very excited to work with us on this project. They shared with us that they know many of the seniors they are serving have pets and need help with pet care resources. Until now, they have not had a way to help them.

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

One permanent FTE has been created and will be able to be retained for the coordination of this and other community partnerships.

**Address of Entity:** 3711 East 65<sup>th</sup> Street, Cleveland, OH 44105

**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:**

In providing the services detailed as part of this project, data will be collected as part of our normal case management process. This data will help us to identify additional needs of pet-owning seniors and address those needs through new or expanded programming. We also hope to continue and expand our partnership with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank in order to reach more pet owning clients of all ages in need of assistance.

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

**Total Budget of Project: \$ 136,000.00 (\$25,000 this request)**

Program mgmt/Salary + Benefits: \$45,000 (\$10,000.00 this request)

Transportation: \$5,000.00 (\$1,000.00 this request)

Pet Care Kits for homebound seniors: \$69,000.00 (\$10,000.00 this request)

Marketing/Printing: \$2,000.00 (\$500.00 this request)

Veterinary/Grooming Care: \$15,000 (\$3,500 this request)

The requested funds, of \$25,000 will support program management, food and packaging supplies, transportation, grooming services, and veterinary care as needed. Staff time will be necessary to manage the overall project, order and package supplies, and coordinate transportation. Supplies will include Pet Care Kits (food, supplies, etc.); we anticipate delivery of 800 Pet Care Kits annually to 150 homes. Transport expenses, as needed, will include transport to Neighborhood Pets to access our discounted pet services and grooming, and to a local veterinarian for urgent pet care needs. Funds for grooming and veterinary services will be used for urgent issues that are outside the scope of our regular services.

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

Cleveland Foundation - *Letter of Inquiry submitted upon invitation for \$50,000*

In Kind - *\$61,000*

**Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars:**

\$25,000

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

The requested funding is expected to cover 1 year of costs related to the project. During this time, the organization will collect data that will support funding requests to other organizations as well as a case for support from individual and corporate donors.

Neighborhood Pets has a track record of successful fundraising events, appeal letters, grant requests, individual donations, and other initiatives for cultivating resources. Our annual year-end appeal raises in the high 5-figures. We have approximately 40 monthly donors and we have gained 90 new non-recurring donors so far this year.

Each year, we receive grants totaling \$100-\$150k. Examples of funders include: Neighborhood Leadership Development Program (Executive Director Becca Britton is a graduate), the Andrews Family Foundation, PetSmart Charities, Petco Love, and The Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust, which has provided annual support for our spay/neuter program since 2016.

In addition to the other funding mentioned for this application above, we are actively seeking additional grant funding to support various aspects of our operations. We have pending applications with Max and Victoria Dreyfuss Foundation, the Frank Hadley Ginn & Cornelia Root Ginn Foundation, and Petco Love. We are in the early stages of approaching the Gund Foundation.

Lastly, as the leadership of our organization, our board members have a committed role as both fundraisers and donors, which they all individually honor.



## 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:

Becca Britton

### Signature:



### Date:

June 30, 2023

## Additional Documents

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

Project Budget

Letter of Support from Greater Cleveland Food Bank

Letter of Support from Cleveland City Councilwoman Rebecca Mauer