

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2023-0171

Sponsored by: Councilmember Conwell	A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$50,000, to the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland for the Community Recovery from COVID-19: One-Time Capital Investment for Legal Aid Project from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
Co-sponsored by: Councilmember Turner	

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 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund in the amount of \$50,000 to the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland for the Community Recovery from COVID-19: One-Time Capital Investment for Legal Aid Project; and

WHEREAS, the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland estimates approximately 15,000 people who qualify as low to moderate income will be served annually through this award; and

WHEREAS, the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland estimates the total cost of the project is \$1,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes funding from the Legal Services Corporation, Ohio

Access to Justice Foundation, local and state government, and a variety of philanthropic sources; and

WHEREAS, the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland requested \$100,000 from the District 7 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 Legal Aid Society of Cleveland 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 Legal Aid Society of Cleveland from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the Community Recovery from COVID-19: One-Time Capital Investment for Legal Aid Project.

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,

