WHEREAS, County Executive FitzGerald/Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Community Initiatives has submitted a request to contract with Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc. (EDEN, Inc.) in the amount not-to-exceed $605,412.00 for the Shelter Plus Care Sponsor-based Rental Assistance Program in connection with the FY2010 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Grant Programs and the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act for the period of 8/1/2011 – 7/31/2012; and,

WHEREAS, Shelter Plus Care Program is a sponsor-based rental assistance program for formerly homeless persons with disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, EDEN, Inc. is located at 7812 Madison Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102, and is located in County Council District #3; and,

WHEREAS, the Executive Director is Kathy Kazol at the not for profit EDEN, Inc.; and,

WHEREAS, the primary goals for the Shelter Plus Care Rental Assistance Program are a) mail rent subsidy checks to landlords on time; b) approve applications for homeless persons with disabilities which are submitted by behavioral health system case workers; and c) conduct Housing Quality Standards inspections before participants move into units; and,

WHEREAS, over one hundred households receive an ongoing subsidy through the Shelter Plus Care; and,

WHEREAS, this proposed Contract received an RFP Exemption on 11/21/11 from the Contracts and Purchasing Board; and,
WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development awards Shelter Plus Care grants initially for a five year term that are renewed annually after the first five year period though the annual McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grant; and,

WHEREAS, this contract is funded 100% by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grant; 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 department.

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

SECTION 1. The County Council hereby authorizes a contract with Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc. (EDEN, Inc.) in the amount not-to-exceed $605,412.00 for the Shelter Plus Care Sponsor-based Rental Assistance Program in connection with the FY2010 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Grant Programs and the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act for the period of 8/1/2011 – 7/31/2012.

SECTION 2. The County Executive is authorized to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with this Resolution.

SECTION 3. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective, for the reason that this Resolution provides for the usual daily and necessary operations of Cuyahoga County government in accordance with the requirements of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon the signature of the County Executive.

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 Mr. Schron, seconded by Ms. Conwell, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Simon, Greenspan and Connally

Nays: None

County Council President ____________ Date ____________
First Reading/Referred to Committee: December 13, 2011
Committee(s) Assigned: Health, Human Services & Aging

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