County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2012-0021

Sponsored by: County Executive FitzGerald

A Resolution supporting submission of applications on behalf of Cuyahoga County for first-round funding under the Local Government Innovation Fund available through the State of Ohio, Department of Development; authorizing the County Executive and Department Directors to take all steps necessary in furtherance of this goal, including entering into partnership initiatives/memoranda of understanding with any other potential partners; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

WHEREAS, Section 3.17 of the County’s Contracting and Purchasing Procedures Ordinance, Ordinance No. O2011-0044, as amended, provides that the “County Executive may apply for and accept grants on behalf of the county without specific approval from the Contracts and Purchasing Board, the Board of Control, or the County Council,” and Section 4.15 provides that “[t]his Ordinance is intended to fulfill any state, federal, or other requirement for a Resolution or Ordinance granting the County Executive the authority to apply for or accept grants on behalf of the County;” and,

WHEREAS, to further demonstrate the County’s support and bolster the County’s applications for funding from the Local Government Innovation Fund administered by the State of Ohio, the County Executive has requested specific support from the County Council through this Resolution, in addition to the general authority granted to the County Executive in the Contracting and Purchasing Procedures Ordinance, to submit applications by County departments and agencies, where Cuyahoga County is serving as the ‘primary applicant’ or as a ‘collaborative partner’ with political subdivisions for the first round of funding from the Local Government Innovation Fund available through the State of Ohio, Department of Development; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the application procedures for the Local Government Innovation Fund, the State of Ohio, Department of Development, requests a resolution of support from the applicant’s and collaborative partner’s governing entity; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Government Innovation Fund was established to provide financial assistance to Ohio political subdivisions for planning and implementing projects that are projected to create more efficient and effective service delivery within a specific discipline of government services for one or more entities; and,

WHEREAS, through the Local Government Innovation Fund, the State of Ohio, Department of Development seeks to promote efficiency, collaboration, merger, and shared services among local governments; and,
WHEREAS, the applications are to be submitted for first round of funding to the Local Government Innovation Fund where Cuyahoga County is the ‘primary applicant’ or as a ‘collaborative partner’ in order to facilitate efficiencies in various disciplines of government service including economic development, education, information technology, and regional collaboration; and,

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County is working collaboratively on submitting applications with a number of municipal, non-profit, and private partners across the county and region; and,

WHEREAS, the applications for the first round of Local Government Innovation Fund awards are due on March 1, 2012 to the State of Ohio, Department of Development; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order to meet the application deadlines mandated by the State of Ohio, Department of Development.

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

SECTION 1. The County Council hereby supports the submission of applications by County departments and agencies as the ‘primary applicant’ and as a ‘collaborative partner’ with political subdivisions for the first round of funding from the Local Government Innovation Fund available through the State of Ohio, Department of Development.

SECTION 2. The County Executive and Department Directors are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary in furtherance of the County’s applications to the Local Government Innovation Fund, including, but not limited to, entering into partnership initiatives/memoranda of understanding, with any other potential partners.

SECTION 3. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective, in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue, and to continue the usual and daily operation of the County. 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 Mr. Rogers, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

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

Nays: None
First Reading/Referred to Committee: February 14, 2012
Committee(s) Assigned: Economic Development & Planning

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