A Resolution authorizing a contract with Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County in the amount not-to-exceed $845,911.00 for fiscal and administrative services for the Help Me Grow Bright Beginnings Program for the period 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

WHEREAS, the County Executive FitzGerald on behalf of the Administrator’s Office/Office of Early Childhood has submitted a contract the Education Service Center of Cuyahoga County in the amount not-to-exceed $845,911.00 for fiscal and administrative services for the Help Me Grow Bright Beginnings Program for the period 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this project is to provide home visiting services to educate the parents on parenting, child development, referral and service coordination to other community resources for the child and family; and

WHEREAS, the primary goals of the project are to implement and maintain a coordinated, community-based infrastructure that promotes family-centered services for expectant parents, newborns, infants, toddlers and their families; and

WHEREAS, the activities of the program shall support the following commitments to family and child well-being: (a) improve parenting confidence and competence, (b) increase family connectedness to community and social support; and (c) improve child health, development and readiness; and

WHEREAS, the procurement method for this project was other. The proposed contract received a governmental purchase exemption on June 25, 2012, CPB2012-586; and

WHEREAS, this project is funded eighty-eight percent (88%) from HHS levy dollars in the amount of $745,911.00, and twelve percent (12%) by Mt. Sinai Health Care Funds in the amount of $100,000.00. The schedule of payments is by invoice; and
WHEREAS, the Education Service Center is a governmental entity and the fiscal agent for the Help Me Grow program, and

WHEREAS, the contractors for the project is Educational Service Center located at 5811 Canal Road, Valley View, Ohio 44125, Council District 6, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Mengerlink-ESC and Melissa Manos-HMG are the Executive Directors for the project and their office is located at Help Me Grow of Cuyahoga County, 8111 Quincy Avenue, Suite 344, Cleveland, Ohio 44104, Council District 8.

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective because the project’s term began July 1, 2012 and to ensure that critical services provided by the County can continue without interruption.

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

SECTION 1. The Cuyahoga County Council hereby authorizes a contract with the Education Service Center of Cuyahoga County in the amount not-to-exceed $845,911.00 for fiscal and services for the Help Me Grow Bright Beginnings Program for the period 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013.

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

SECTION 3. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective because the project’s term began July 1, 2012, and to ensure that critical services provided by the County can continue without interruption. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective up 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. Brady, seconded by Ms. Conwell, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

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

Nays: None
First Reading/Referred to Committee:  July 24, 2012
Committee(s) Assigned:  Health, Human Services & Aging

Additional Sponsorship Requested:  July 26, 2012

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