Resolved, that a Resolution supporting the submission of applications on behalf of Cuyahoga County for fifth-round funding under the Local Government Innovation Fund available through the State of Ohio, Development Services Agency; 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. O2012-0015, as amended, provides that the “County Executive may apply for and accept grants on behalf of the county, and execute all agreements and any other documents in connection with same, 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 fifth round of funding from the Local Government Innovation Fund available through the State of Ohio, Development Services Agency; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the application procedures for the Local Government Innovation Fund, the State of Ohio, Development Services Agency, 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, Development Services Agency seeks to promote efficiency, collaboration, merger, and shared services among local governments; and,

WHEREAS, the applications are to be submitted for fifth 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 plans to work 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 fifth round of Local Government Innovation Fund awards are due on March 4, 2013 to the State of Ohio, Development Services Agency; and,

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

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 fifth round of funding from the Local Government Innovation Fund available through the State of Ohio, Development Services Agency.

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 for the usual daily operation of the County and the 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 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 Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Greenspan, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

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

Nays: None

County Council President  2/26/13

County Executive   2/27/13

Clerk of Council 2/26/13

First Reading/Referred to Committee: February 12, 2013
Committee(s) Assigned: Council Operations & Intergovernmental Relations

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