County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2013-0087

Sponsored by: Councilmember Rogers
Co-sponsored by: Councilmember Miller

A Resolution making an award to College Now Greater Cleveland in the amount of $380,000.00 from the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Fund for Component 2 of the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Program for the period ending 6/30/2014; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3.09(11) of the Charter authorizes Council to “establish and provide for the administration of a program to provide scholarships, loans, grants and other forms of financial assistance for residents of the County that will enable them to participate in post-secondary education, including vocational education and job training and retraining;” and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. O2012-0007 established the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Program (the “Program”) and the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Fund (the “Fund”), and set aside $6,000,000.00 in the 2012-2013 General Fund Budget in anticipation of the Program; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. O2012-0007 was amended to add an additional component to the Program, to authorize an alternative procurement process and to authorize Council to annually designate the amount of budgeted funds to be allocated for each component of the Program; and

WHEREAS, Council has determined to allocate an amount to College Now Greater Cleveland for Component 2 of the Program; 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. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby authorizes the award of $380,000.00 to College Now Greater Cleveland for scholarships, retention and mentoring services for Cuyahoga County residents as described in Component 2 of the
Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Program for the period ending June 30, 2014. College Now Greater Cleveland shall be entitled to no more than fifteen (15) percent of the total amount awarded for program administration.

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

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 5. 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. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Jones, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

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

Nays: None

County Council President  
County Executive  
Clerk of Council  

First Reading/Referred to Committee: May 14, 2013
Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability
Additional Sponsorship Requested on the Floor: May 14, 2013

Second Reading/Referred to Committee: May 28, 2013
Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

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Date: 7/11/2013

To: Cuyahoga County Council

From: Michael King, Assistant Law Director

Re: Approved contract deviation from Resolution No. R2013-087

Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to notify you of a contract deviation approved by the Law Department in the professional services contract with College Now Greater Cleveland from Resolution No. R2013-0087 authorized by Council.

Whereas Resolution No. R2013-0087 authorizes an award to College Now Greater Cleveland “for the period ending 6/30/2014,” the contract executed by the County is set to expire on 6/30/2017. It is the understanding of the Law Department that the $380,000 awarded to College Now Greater Cleveland for scholarships and program administration is not merely for the first year of the program, but for the first cohort of program eligible students. The first cohort of eligible students will receive retention and mentoring services, as well as scholarship renewals, throughout their post-secondary educational career, which will usually span over a period of four years. By extending the term of the contract through 6/30/2017, the County can ensure College Now Greater Cleveland fulfills its obligation to provide these services all the way through a participant’s successful completion of a four-year program.

This approved deviation exposes the County to no additional financial liability under the contract, as all program funds for the first cohort are encumbered and paid to College Now Greater Cleveland up-front in the first year of the program. Further, this deviation in no way hinders Council’s ability to amend the existing contract to award or reinvest funds for additional cohorts in future years pursuant to Ordinance No. O2013-0011.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this approved deviation.