

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Resolution No. R2020-0114

<p>Sponsored by: <b>County Executive Budish/Department of Development</b></p> <p>Co-sponsored by: <b>Councilmembers Conwell, Simon, Jones, Stephens, Brown and Miller</b></p>	<p><b>A Resolution</b> authorizing an award of \$5,000,000.00 of Coronavirus Relief Fund funds and \$1,800,000.00 of Community Development Block Grant funds to CHN Housing Partners to provide emergency rental assistance to income-eligible tenants unable to pay their full monthly rent due to the economic impact from COVID-19; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreement and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.</p>
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WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused severe economic disruption including loss of income for a large number of lower income households, with the Cuyahoga County unemployment rate rising from 5.1% in February 2020 to 23.5% in April 2020; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau has conducted a scientific survey showing that over 21% of Ohio residents are currently unable to make their monthly housing payment when due; and

WHEREAS, the short-term eviction moratoriums protecting tenants from loss of their housing are now expiring; and

WHEREAS, the inability of lower income residents to pay their monthly rent also causes economic disruption for the owners of rental property; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County is working in collaboration with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Cities of Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, East Cleveland, Euclid, Lakewood, and Parma to direct federal funds to a single uniform countywide system for emergency rental assistance to prevent homelessness; and

WHEREAS, based on a Request for Qualifications issued by the Department of Development, the County Executive has recommended an award to and agreement with CHN Housing Partners encompassing \$5,000,000.00 of Cuyahoga County's Coronavirus Relief Fund funds from the U.S. Treasury and \$1,800,000.00 of

Cuyahoga County's Community Development Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of the award and agreement is to provide countywide emergency rental assistance to income-eligible tenants unable to pay their full monthly rent due to the economic impact from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the agreement will commence on July 1, 2020, and will continue through December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue.

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby awards \$5,000,000.00 of Coronavirus Relief Fund funds and \$1,800,000.00 of Community Development Block Grant funds to CHN Housing Partners to provide up to three months of emergency rental assistance to income-eligible tenants unable to pay their full monthly rent due to the economic impact from COVID-19.

**SECTION 2.** That the County Executive is authorized to execute the agreement 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; the preservation of public peace, health, and safety in 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 Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Miller, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Simon, Baker, Miller, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Brown, Stephens and Brady

Nays: None

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County Council President                      Date

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County Executive                                      Date

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Clerk of Council                                      Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: June 9, 2020

Committee(s) Assigned: Community Development

Additional Sponsorship Requested: June 15, 2020

Additional Sponsorship Requested on the Floor: June 23, 2020

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[Clerk's Note: Electronic signatures affixed in accordance with Cuyahoga County Code Chapter 110]