

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2020-0264

Sponsored by: County Executive Budish/Department of Development	A Resolution authorizing an exemption from requests for proposals and making an award on RQ3911 with various providers in the total amount not-to-exceed \$2,000,000.00 for financial counseling and mortgage assistance services to eligible homeowners adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic for the Mortgage Assistance Program in connection with the Community Development Block Grant Program for the period 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2022; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contracts and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, the County Executive/Department of Development has completed an informal proposal process, a request for proposal exemption is required as the award recommendations to various providers, in the total amount not-to-exceed \$2,000,000.00 for financial counseling and mortgage assistance services will assist eligible homeowners adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic for the Mortgage Assistance Program in connection with the Community Development Block Grant Program for the period 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2022; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive/Department of Development has recommended an award on RQ3911 with various providers in the total amount not-to-exceed \$2,000,000.00 for financial counseling and mortgage assistance services to eligible homeowners adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic for the Mortgage Assistance Program in connection with the Community Development Block Grant Program for the period 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2022:

- 1) Community Housing Solutions in the amount not-to-exceed \$500,000.00;
- 2) CHN Housing Partners in the amount not-to-exceed \$500,000.00;
- 3) Empowering and Strengthening Ohio’s People in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of this project is to provide a one-time zero interest, deferred loan mortgage assistance to Cuyahoga County Urban County homeowners who meet the HUD eligibility guidelines and who have difficulty paying their mortgages because of the financial impact of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, this project is funded 100% by Federal Community Development Block Grant- Coronavirus Fund; 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 entity.

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

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby grants the Request for Proposal Exemption.

SECTION 2. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby makes an award on RQ3911 with various providers in the total amount not-to-exceed \$2,000,000.00 for financial counseling and mortgage assistance services to eligible homeowners adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic for the Mortgage Assistance Program in connection with the Community Development Block Grant Program for the period 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2022:

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- 3) Empowering and Strengthening Ohio's People in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000.00; and

SECTION 3. That the County Executive is authorized to execute the contracts and all documents consistent with this Resolution.

SECTION 4. 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 any additional 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. Jones, seconded by Ms. Stephens, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Conwell, Jones, Brown, Stephens, Simon, Baker, Miller, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron 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: November 24, 2020
Committee(s) Assigned: Community Development

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