

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2021-0076

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Simon, Conwell, Brown, Sweeney, Tuma and Miller	A Resolution making an award to College Now Greater Cleveland in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Fund for Component Two of the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Program for the period ending 6/30/2025; 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.
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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

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, Cuyahoga County Council set aside \$500,000.00, annually, in the 2020-2021 Biennial Budget for each component of the Program; and

WHEREAS, Council has determined to allocate an amount to College Now Greater Cleveland for Component Two 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 program.

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

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby makes an award in the amount of \$500,000.00 to College Now Greater Cleveland for scholarships, retention and mentoring services for Cuyahoga County residents as described in Component Two of the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Program for the period ending June 30, 2025. Of the total award, College Now Greater Cleveland shall use \$420,000.00 for direct scholarships and may use the remainder for retention and mentoring services and 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. To the extent that any exemptions are necessary under the County Code and contracting procedures, they shall be deemed approved by the adoption of 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, or 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 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. Simon, seconded by Ms. Brown, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

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

Nays: None

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: March 23, 2021

Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

Committee Report/Second Reading: April 13, 2021

Additional Sponsorships Requested on the Floor: April 27, 2021

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