

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Resolution No. R2021-0261

Sponsored by: **County Executive Budish/Fiscal Officer/Office of Budget and Management**

**A Resolution** amending the 2020/2021 Biennial Operating Budget for 2021 by providing for additional fiscal appropriations from the General Fund and other funding sources, for appropriation transfers between budget accounts and for cash transfers between budgetary funds, to meet the budgetary needs of various County departments, offices and agencies; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2019, the Cuyahoga County Council adopted the Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program for 2020/2021 (Resolution No. R2019-0224) establishing the 2020/2021 biennial budget for all County departments, offices and agencies; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adjust the Biennial Operating Budget for 2021 to reflect budgetary funding increases, funding reductions, to transfer budget appropriations and to transfer cash between budgetary funds, to accommodate the operational needs of certain County departments, offices and agencies; and

WHEREAS, it is further 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 County departments, offices, and agencies.

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

**SECTION 1.** That the 2020/2021 Biennial Operating Budget for 2021 be amended to provide for the following additional appropriation increases and decreases:

**Fund Nos./Budget Accounts**

**Journal Nos.**

A. 2345 – Opioid Mitigation Fund **BA2162013**  
EX345100 – Opioid Mitigation  
Other Expenses \$ 1,000,000.00

The Office of the County Executive is requesting new appropriation in the Opioid Mitigation Fund in the amount of \$1,000,000. These funds will be used for support services and specialized interventions needed for families referred to the Division of Children and Family Services because of a positive toxicology screening. The period of performance will be January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023. This request represents renewed funding for the Division of Children and Family Services. Their initial funding totaled \$1,000,000.00 of which 100% was spent as October 31, 2021.

B. 2345 – Opioid Mitigation Fund **BA2162014**  
EX345100 – Opioid Mitigation  
Personal Services \$ 3,226,206.00

The Office of the County Executive is requesting new appropriation in the Opioid Mitigation Fund in the amount of \$3,226,206. These funds will be used by the Division of Children and Family Services to cover personnel costs for 31 advocates and four supervisors hired as part of the START (Sobriety, Treatment and Reducing Trauma) Unit. Advocates guide parents through addiction treatment when a pregnant mother or newborn tests positive during a toxicology screening. The period of performance will be January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023. This request represents renewed funding for the Division of Children and Family Services. Their initial funding totaled \$3,500,000 of which 37% was spent as October 31, 2021.

~~C. 2345 – Opioid Mitigation Fund **BA2162015**  
EX345100 – Opioid Mitigation  
Other Expenses \$ 11,572,825.00~~ (M)

~~The Office of the County Executive is requesting new appropriation in the Opioid Mitigation Fund in the amount of \$11,572,825. These funds will cover the costs of seven contracts with local opioid and substance abuse providers that responded to a request for proposals allowing them to request one-time opioid support funding for their delivery of inpatient care of support services related to opioid use and treatment. The period of performance will be January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023. This is not a request for renewed funding.~~

D. 2345 – Opioid Mitigation Fund **BA2162016**  
EX345100 – Opioid Mitigation  
Personal Services \$ 800,000.00

The Office of the County Executive is requesting new appropriation in the Opioid Mitigation Fund in the amount of \$800,000. These funds will be used by the Prosecutor's Office to fund payroll costs for four attorneys hired to handle cases involving opioid use and addiction as part of its Children and Family Services Unit. The Children and Family Services Unit provides supportive legal services to the Division of Children and Family Services. The period of performance will be January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023. This request represents renewed funding for the Prosecutor's Office. Their initial funding

totaled \$800,000 for personnel and equipment of which 57% was spent as October 31, 2021.

E. 2345 – Opioid Mitigation Fund	<b>BA2162017</b>
EX345100 – Opioid Mitigation	
Personal Services	\$ 300,000.00

The Office of the County Executive is requesting new appropriation in the Opioid Mitigation Fund in the amount of \$300,000. These funds will be used by the Prosecutor's Office to fund payroll costs for two crime analysts hired to assist local law enforcement with cases involving opioid use as part of its Crime Strategies Unit. The mission of the Crime Strategies Unit is to develop and implement intelligence-driven prosecution strategies that address crime issues and target priority offenders. The period of performance will be January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023. This request represents renewed funding for the Prosecutor's Office. Their initial funding totaled \$300,000 for personnel and equipment of which 38% was spent as October 31, 2021.

F. 2345 – Opioid Mitigation Fund	<b>BA2162018</b>
EX345100 – Opioid Mitigation	
Other Expenses	\$ 512,034.00

The Office of the County Executive is requesting new appropriation in the Opioid Mitigation Fund in the amount of \$512,034. These funds will be used by the Medical Examiner's Office to purchase specialized equipment used in opioid detection and identification that is in immediate need of replacement. The period of performance will be January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023. This request represents renewed funding for the Medical Examiner's Office. Their initial funding totaled \$615,000 for personnel and equipment of which 96% was spent as October 31, 2021.

<del>G. 2345 – Opioid Mitigation Fund</del>	<del><b>BA2162019</b></del> <span style="color: blue;">A</span>
<del>EX345100 – Opioid Mitigation</del>	
<del>Other Expenses</del>	<del>\$ 10,000,000.00</del>

~~The Office of the County Executive is requesting new appropriation in the Opioid Mitigation Fund in the amount of \$10,000,000. Cuyahoga County has developed an investment strategy that focuses on the mitigation of opioid addiction, with the intent to find solutions to the problem. A group of subject matter experts will be instituted as a governing board to hear innovative technologies or strategies tackling opioid addiction and make recommendations for funding such options, while at the same time leveraging funds from other investors. The period of performance will be January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023. This is not a request for renewed funding.~~

**SECTION 2.** That the 2020/2021 Biennial Operating Budget for 2021 be amended to provide for the following appropriation transfers:

<u>Fund Nos./Budget Accounts</u>	<u>Journal Nos.</u>
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None

**SECTION 3.** That the 2020/2021 Biennial Operating Budget for 2021 be amended to provide for the following cash transfers between County funds:

**Fund Nos./Budget Accounts**

**Journal Nos.**

None

**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, 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 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. Miller, seconded by Ms. Conwell, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

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

Nays: None

  
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County Council President

11/23/21  
Date

  
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County Executive

11-24-21  
Date

  
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Clerk of Council

11/23/21  
Date

Legislation Amended on the Floor: November 23, 2021

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