

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2022-0218

<p>Sponsored by: County Executive Budish/Department of Development</p> <p>Co-sponsored by: Councilmember Turner</p>	<p>A Resolution making awards on RQ7775 to various non-profit organizations in the total amount not-to-exceed \$2,700,000.00 to provide various emergency rental assistance services to income-eligible tenants in connection with the Emergency Rental Assistance 2 Program for the period 6/1/2022 – 3/31/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contracts and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.</p>
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WHEREAS, the County Executive/Department of Development has recommended making awards on RQ7775 to various non-profit organizations in the total amount not-to-exceed \$2,700,000.00 to provide various emergency rental assistance services to income-eligible tenants in connection with the Emergency Rental Assistance 2 Program for the period 6/1/2022 – 3/31/2025 as follows:

- a) Contract No. 2487 with Empowering and Strengthening Ohio’s People in the amount not-to-exceed \$300,000.00 for counseling and financial assistance services;
- b) Contract No. 2485 with Front Steps Housing and Services in the amount not-to-exceed \$450,000.00 for rental assistance and housing stability services;
- c) Contract No. 2488 with The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,500,000.00 for community outreach and legal services;
- d) Contract No. 2505 with Metal Health Services for Homeless Persons, Inc. dba Frontline Services in the amount not-to-exceed \$450,000.00 for outreach, mediation and conflict resolution services; and

WHEREAS, the primary goals of this project are to (a) provide housing counseling to Cuyahoga County households with priority for those whose income is equal to or less than 50% of the HUD published Area Median Income for the family size and to households with one or more members that have been unemployed for at least 90 days; and (b) to connect high volume of clients in need to assistance to services that can provide the help identified during counseling; and

WHEREAS, this project is funded by 100% U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance 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 makes awards on RQ7775 with various non-profit organizations in the total amount not-to-exceed \$2,700,000.00 to provide various emergency rental assistance services to income-eligible tenants in connection with the Emergency Rental Assistance 2 Program for the period 6/1/2022 – 3/31/2025 as follows:

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SECTION 2. That the County Executive is authorized to execute the contracts and all documents consistent with said awards and 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 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

