

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2022-0259

Sponsored by: Councilmember Miller Co-sponsored by: Councilmembers Conwell, Jones and Turner	A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$225,000, to Baldwin Wallace University for the Northeast Ohio Flight Information Exchange: Digital Infrastructure for Drone Services Project from the District 2 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County received \$239,898,257 from the Federal Government through the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”); and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County calculated 100% of the ARPA dollars as loss revenue under the U.S. Department of the Treasury Final Rule; and

WHEREAS, since all the ARPA dollars have been calculated as loss revenue, the ARPA dollars have been deposited in the County’s General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive and County Council have authorized \$86 million of the ARPA dollars for community grants to benefit the residents of Cuyahoga County (the “ARPA Community Grant”); and

WHEREAS, of the \$86 million for community grants, \$66 million have been encumbered for equal distribution to each County Council District; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding from the District 2 ARPA Community Grant Fund in the amount of \$225,000 to Baldwin Wallace University for the Northeast Ohio Flight Information Exchange: Digital Infrastructure for Drone Services Project; and

WHEREAS, Baldwin Wallace University estimates approximately 18,000 people will be served annually through this award; and

WHEREAS, Baldwin Wallace University estimates approximately 25 permanent and temporary jobs will be created or retained through this project; and

WHEREAS, Baldwin Wallace University estimates the total cost of the project is \$499,000; and

WHEREAS, Baldwin Wallace University indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes:

- A. \$53,485 in private match dollars
- B. \$33,652 in overhead fee waiver from Baldwin Wallace University
- C. \$100,000 of in-kind private investments for two years; and

WHEREAS, Baldwin Wallace University is estimating the start date of the project will be August 2022 and the project will be completed by July 2024; and

WHEREAS, Baldwin Wallace University requested \$450,000 from the District 2 ARPA Community Grant Fund to complete this project; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding in the amount of \$225,000 to Baldwin Wallace University to ensure this project is completed; and

WHEREAS, this Council by a vote of at least eight (8) members determines that it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue to provide for the usually, daily operations of the County.

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

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby awards a not-to-exceed amount of \$225,000 to Baldwin Wallace University from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the Northeast Ohio Flight Information Exchange: Digital Infrastructure for Drone Services Project.

SECTION 2. If any specific appropriation is necessary to effectuate this agreement, the Director of the Office of Budget and Management is authorized to submit the requisite documentation to financial reporting to journalize the appropriation.

SECTION 3. That the County Council staff is authorized to prepare all documents to effectuate said award.

SECTION 4. That the County Executive is authorized to execute all necessary agreements and documents consistent with said award and this Resolution.

SECTION 5. If requested or necessary, the Agency of the Inspector General or Department of Internal Audit is authorized to investigate, audit, or review any part of this award.

First Reading/Referred to Committee: August 2, 2022
Committee(s) Assigned: Public Safety & Justice Affairs

Additional Sponsorship Requested in Committee: September 20, 2022

Committee Report/Second Reading: September 28, 2022

Additional Sponsorship Requested: September 30, 2022

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