

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2023-0002

<p>Sponsored by: Councilmember Conwell and Council President Jones</p> <p>Co-sponsored by: Councilmembers Miller and Turner</p>	<p>A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$360,000.00, from the Cuyahoga County Community Development Fund to the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation for the maintenance and upgrades for the Cleveland Cultural Gardens located in the City of Cleveland; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.</p>
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WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Community Development Fund is funded by the gross casino revenues distributed to Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Cultural Gardens consist of 35 built or dedicated existing members, with ten more in development, including a Native American Garden and gardens for Peru, Mexico, Colombia, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Scotland, France, Korea, and Pakistan; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Foundation has indicated that the cost of building a new garden varies greatly but generally exceeds \$100,000 per garden, and structural maintenance of existing gardens can cost thousands of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation anticipates working with the City of Cleveland to provide public bathrooms for the Cultural Gardens in a joint private-public partnership; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding from the Community Development Fund in the amount of \$360,000.00 to the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation for the maintenance and upgrades for the Cleveland Cultural Gardens; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Fund has available proceeds to fund projects that better Cuyahoga County, and maintenance and upgrades to public spaces like the Cleveland Cultural Gardens is an appropriate use of the County's Community Development Fund resources; 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 \$360,000.00 to the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation for maintenance and upgrades of the Cleveland Cultural Gardens located in the City of Cleveland.

SECTION 2. That County Council staff is authorized to prepare all documents to effectuate said award.

SECTION 3. That the County Executive is authorized to execute all necessary agreements and documents consistent with said award and this Resolution.

SECTION 4. 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 5. 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, this Resolution shall become immediately effective.

SECTION 6. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and 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. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Miller, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

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

Nays: None

County Council President Date

County Executive Date

Clerk of Council Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: January 10, 2023

Committee(s) Assigned: Community Development

Additional Sponsorship Requested on the Floor: January 24, 2023.

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