

RESOLUTION NO. 85-2020 (PD)

By Consent Agenda

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Cleveland Housing Network Housing Partners, a non-profit corporation, for the use of Community Development Block Grant funds to provide emergency rental assistance to income-eligible tenants unable to pay their full monthly rent due to the economic impact from COVID-19; providing compensation therefor; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Housing Network Housing Partners already provides emergency rental assistance to needy families in the City of Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau has conducted a scientific survey showing that over 21% of Ohio residents are currently unable to make their monthly housing payment when due; and

WHEREAS, the short-term eviction moratoriums protecting tenants from loss of their housing are now expiring; and

WHEREAS, the inability of lower income residents to pay their monthly rent also causes economic disruption for the owners of rental property; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Heights is working in collaboration with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Cuyahoga County and the Cities of Cleveland, East Cleveland, Euclid, Lakewood, and Parma to direct federal funds to a single uniform countywide system for emergency rental assistance to prevent homelessness; and

WHEREAS, there are monies available for such purpose from Community Development Block Grant CV funds originating from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Funds (CARES Act).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio that:

SECTION 1. The City Manager be, and she is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Cleveland Housing Network Housing Partners, a non-profit corporation, for assistance with the operating expenses of their emergency rental assistance program. The agreement shall provide for total funding in the amount of up to Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) from Community Development Block Grant CV funds. The services to be performed by the Cleveland Housing Network Housing Partners are set forth in the Statement of Work attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein. The agreement shall be for a one-year period commencing July 1, 2020, and terminating June 30, 2020, and shall be subject to the approval as to form by the Director of Law.

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SECTION 2. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 3. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to allow the necessary services of the Cleveland Housing Network Housing Partner's Emergency Rental Assistance Program to begin immediately. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

JASON S. STEIN, Mayor
President of the Council

AMY HIMMELEIN
Clerk of Council

PASSED: July 6, 2020

EXHIBIT A
STATEMENT OF WORK

CLEVELAND HOUSING NETWORK HOUSING PARTNERS EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Cleveland Housing Network Housing Partners will utilize Cleveland Heights CDBG-CV funding in order to offer emergency rental assistance to income eligible Cleveland Heights tenants, impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic, for up to three months. The maximum subsidy to each participant in the program will be determined in consultation with Cuyahoga County and the Cities of Cleveland, East Cleveland, Euclid, Lakewood and Parma. It is expected that approximately 250 tenants will be assisted through Cleveland Heights' CDBG-CV funds. Other funding sources, administered by Cuyahoga County are expected to assist additional Cleveland Heights tenants.

The Cleveland Housing Network Housing Partners Emergency Rental Assistance Program's service area includes the cities of Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, East Cleveland, Euclid, Lakewood, Parma and the Urban County portion of Cuyahoga County. CDBG-CV funds will assist with payments to landlords and costs associated with the delivery of the program.