

Ordinance No. 80-2024

**By Council Members McCormack, Howse-Jones, Hairston and Griffin
(by departmental request)**

FOR PASSAGE
January 22, 2024

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Director of Community Development to enter into one or more agreements with The Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless and Metanoia Project Inc. to facilitate seasonal winter shelter for the City's unsheltered residents during the Winter season, which is approximately December 1, 2023, to April 10, 2024.

WHEREAS, The Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless ("the Coalition") conducts a Homeless Outreach program to reduce the number of homeless and assist the homeless through outreach advocacy and education and is responsible for the provision of direct street-outreach services designed to reach people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition and Metanoia Project Inc. administer and/or provide seasonal shelter over the course of the winter from approximately December 1, 2023 to April 10, 2024, with respect and compassion for persons in the City of Cleveland who are experiencing unsheltered homelessness and who cannot be served at the larger shelters; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition and Metanoia Project Inc. have both received financial support to run seasonal shelter from Cuyahoga County on or about December 12, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds from the County are only sufficient to maintain emergency seasonal shelter through the end of January 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition has co-managed a seasonal shelter hotel program during the winter of 2021-2022 to provide short-term hotel stays for 1,700 nights of shelter with over 50% of those participating in the program exiting to permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, the need for seasonal shelter in the 2023-2024 winter season is expected to meet or exceed the need in the winter of 2021-2022; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

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Section 1. That the Director of Community Development is authorized to enter into one or more agreements with the Coalition and Metanoia Project Inc. to provide seasonal emergency shelter, including hotel or rooming stays or shelter at other locations in the City of Cleveland, during the Winter season, which is approximately December 1, 2023 to April 10, 2024, for residents experiencing unsheltered homelessness and the agreements may include the provision of services including, but not limited to, connection to food pantries and meal boxes, housing search, and connection to care, on-site or through partnering agencies, and reasonable administrative costs.

Section 2. That the agreement or agreements shall be prepared by the Director of Law.

Section 3. That the the Coalition and Metanoia Project Inc. shall report to all members of Council every thirty (30) days with an update on the number of clients served and a full accounting of expended funds.

Section 4. That the cost of the agreement or agreements shall not exceed \$225,000 and shall be paid from Fund No. 01-0117-6927 (accounting fund No. 21 SF 024) and from other funds approved by the Director of Finance.

(RQS 8006, RL 2024-9)

Section 5. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

GEP:nl
1-22-2024
FOR: Director Hernandez

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