

Resolution No. 370-2023

By Council Members **Spencer, Griffin, McCormack, Bishop, Conwell, Gray, Hairston, Harsh, Howse, Jones, Kazy, Kelly, Maurer, Polensek, Santana, Slife and Starr**

FOR PASSAGE
March 20, 2023

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Strongly urging the Ohio General Assembly to restore the Local Government Fund to pre-recession levels so that local communities can provide crucial services and improvements in infrastructure and public safety and also strongly opposing further cuts or the future diversion of revenues from the Local Government Fund.

WHEREAS, in 2011, Gov. Kasich's administration reduced the Local Government Fund by 50% from 3.68% of General Revenue Funds to its current level of 1.66% of General Revenue Funds; and

WHEREAS, in recent years in addition to significantly reducing the Local Government Fund, Ohio legislators have repeatedly decreased funding and revenue sharing including eliminating the Estate Tax and phasing out the Tangible Personal Property Tax; and

WHEREAS, these reductions in the Local Government Fund have resulted in a loss of revenue of more than \$300 million dollars for the City of Cleveland since 2011; and

WHEREAS, this revenue loss has made it increasingly difficult to provide basic services, rebuild infrastructure, and bolster public safety services; and

WHEREAS, when municipalities experience success in fostering safe communities, building sound infrastructure, and increasing economic development, the State of Ohio reaps the benefits as well; and.

WHEREAS, a reinvestment in the Local Government Fund would aid the state in its goal of lowering taxes on the individual by enabling municipalities to decrease the local tax burden; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That this Council strongly urges the Ohio General Assembly to restore the Local Government Fund to pre-recession levels so that local communities can provide crucial services and improvements in infrastructure and public safety.

Section 2. That this Council strongly opposes further cuts or the future diversion of revenues from the Local Government Fund.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby 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 adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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**REPORT
after Second Reading**

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PRESIDENT

CITY CLERK

APPROVED

MAYOR