

# Ordinance No. 750-2023 AS AMENDED

By Council Members Maurer and Slife

## AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Director of Community Development to enter into a grant agreement with Cleveland Neighborhood Progress to act as the City's agent to partially finance costs to acquire, hold, and implement and manage renovation of certain housing in City neighborhoods, and further authorizing the finance costs for the acquisition, rehabilitation, remodeling or improvement of housing in the City, and further authorizing the Director of Economic Development to enter into a grant agreement with Cleveland Neighborhood Progress to provide economic development assistance to partially finance costs associated with acquisition, stabilization and holding commercial properties, and to provide economic development assistance for associated projects that will revitalize acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of commercial properties, and act as the City's agent to provide acquisition, construction, rehabilitation or machinery and equipment costs for associated projects that will revitalize commercial corridors in the City and create jobs.

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WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Cleveland has determined that it is necessary to update and renovate certain existing housing stock in the City to help make its neighborhoods contemporary and vibrant places where people want to invest and live; and (the Housing Renovation Project); and

WHEREAS, many commercial corridors in the City struggle with vacant storefronts, structures in disrepair, uninviting streetscape and nonexistent small business support; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress proposes to invest in targeted areas in the City to provide renovations of single-family homes and revitalization of commercial corridors over a multi-year period; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds that the Housing Renovation Project has been reviewed by the Housing Advisory Board on August 7, 2023, in compliance reviewed in excess of 15 days and approved by the Housing Advisory Board on August 7, 2023, in compliance with the Ohio Constitution and statutory requirements and will enhance the availability of adequate housing in the City and will improve the economic and general well-being of the people of the City and it is in the public interest and a proper public purpose for the City to provide and/or assist in providing housing for individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with Ohio Constitution Article VIII, Section 13, this Council agrees to assist Cleveland Neighborhood Progress to revitalize commercial corridors for the public purpose of promotion of commerce, job retention and new job creation; and

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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:

Section 1. That the Director of Community Development is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Cleveland Neighborhood Progress to act as the City's agent to partially finance costs to acquire, hold, and implement and manage renovation of certain housing in certain neighborhoods in the City. for the acquisition, rehabilitation, remodeling, or improvement of housing in the City for sale to individuals and families (the "Housing Renovation Project").

Section 2. That the costs of the grant for the Housing Renovation Project shall not exceed \$4,000,000 and shall be paid from Fund No. 10 SF 400. (RQS 8006 RL 2023-76)

Section 3. That the Director of Economic Development is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Cleveland Neighborhood Progress to provide economic development assistance to partially finance costs associated with acquisition, ~~stabilization, and holding commercial properties along commercial corridors of the City and to provide economic development assistance for associated projects that will~~ construction and rehabilitation of commercial properties along commercial corridors of the City and to act as the City's agent to provide acquisition, construction, rehabilitation or machinery and equipment costs for associated projects that will revitalize commercial corridors in the City and create jobs (the Commercial Corridor Revitalization Project).

Section 4. That the costs of the grant for the Commercial Corridor Revitalization Project shall not exceed \$3,300,000 and shall be paid from Fund No. 10 SF 400. (RQS 9501 RL 2023-77)

Section 5. That the agreements and other appropriate documents needed to complete the transactions authorized by this legislation shall be prepared by the Director of Law.

Section 6. That the Commercial Corridor Revitalization Project contract authorized in this legislation will require the recipient of financial assistance to work with, and/or cause their tenant to work with, The Workforce Investment Board for Workforce Area No. 3 to identify and solicit qualified candidates for job opportunities

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related to the City's contracts, and place special emphasis on the hard to employ, including but not limited to the disabled and persons who have been convicted of or have pled guilty to a criminal offense, unless the criminal conviction or circumstances relate to the duties for the particular job sought.

Section 7. 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.

RM:rns  
7-12-2023

