

Ordinance No. 482-2023

By Council Members Jones, Bishop, Gray, Hairston and Griffin (by departmental request)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Director of Economic Development to enter into, or cause to be entered into, one or more agreements to provide economic development assistance for commercial corridor projects in Cleveland's Southeast Side neighborhoods and other agreements; and authorizing the Director to apply for and accept any gifts, grants or services from any public or private entity.

WHEREAS, as part of an overall strategy to reinvest in the City's Southeast Side neighborhoods, the City desires to revitalize key strategic corridors ("Program"); and

WHEREAS, the City's Southeast Side neighborhoods of Union-Miles, Mount Pleasant, and Lee-Harvard have experienced historic, concentrated disinvestment through redlining and structural racism, and the City is committed to reversing the cycle of disinvestment because residents deserve to live in a safe, equitable, vibrant neighborhood of choice; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to take an equitable approach to all development and investments which includes proactively collaborating with community partners, introducing wealth creation opportunities, considering investments that support residents throughout their life-cycle, and investing in ways that mitigate displacement; and

WHEREAS, revitalization efforts that are targeted toward specific neighborhoods and blocks will improve social and economic conditions citywide; 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:

Section 1. That the Director of Economic Development is authorized to enter into, or cause to be entered into, one or more agreements with individuals and public or private entities to provide economic development assistance for projects that will revitalize commercial corridors in the City's Southeast Side neighborhoods and result in job creation ("Projects").

The selection of the Projects shall be made by the Board of Control on the nomination of the Director of Economic Development from a list of projects as may be determined after a full and complete canvass by the director for the purpose of compiling a list. The amount and type of funding shall be determined by the Board of

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Control. The contract or contracts authorized shall be prepared by the Director of Law, approved by the Director of Economic Development, and certified by the Director of Finance.

Section 2. That the Director of Economic Development is authorized to employ by contract or contracts one or more individuals, consultants or one or more firms of consultants, or other public or private entities for the purpose of supplementing the regularly employed staff of the several departments of the City of Cleveland in order to provide professional services necessary to implement, manage or provide other services for the Projects.

The selection of the professional consultants shall be made by the Board of Control on the nomination of the Director of Economic Development from a list of qualified consultants available for employment as may be determined after a full and complete canvass by the Director of Economic Development for the purpose of compiling a list. The compensation to be paid for the services shall be fixed by the Board of Control. The contract or contracts authorized shall be prepared by the Director of Law, approved by the Director of Economic Development, and certified by the Director of Finance.

Section 3. That the City is authorized to accept promissory notes, naming the City as payee, and mortgages, naming the City of Cleveland as mortgagee and any other security instrument executed to evidence and secure repayment of any loans made under this ordinance and to utilize the repayments and other program income in a revolving fund for additional contracts under this Program.

Section 4. That the Director of Economic Development is authorized to apply for and accept any gifts, grants, or services to implement this ordinance from any public or private entity; and that the Director is authorized to file all papers and executive all

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documents necessary to receive any gift, grant funds or services; and that the funds are appropriated for the purposes described in this ordinance.

Section 5. That the Director of Economic Development is authorized to enter into one or more contracts with various agencies, entities, or individuals to implement this ordinance.

Section 6. That the cost of this ordinance shall not exceed \$5,000,000 and shall be paid from 10 SF 400, from the fund or funds to which are credited any gifts or grants accepted under this ordinance, and from any other funds approved by the Director of Finance. (RQS 9501, RL 2023-34)

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.

RB:nl
4-17-2023
FOR: Director Jackson

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after second Reading**

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READ FIRST TIME on APRIL 17, 2023

REPORTS

**and referred to DIRECTORS of Economic Development,
City Planning Commission, Finance, Law;
COMMITTEES on Development Planning and Sustainability,
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