

Ordinance No. 476-2019

Council Members: Brancatelli and Kelley (by departmental request)

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Community Development to apply for and accept a grant from the Cleveland Foundation and other grants from any public and private entity to conduct a research study on the City's real property tax policies and tax abatement programs and to assess the results; and authorizing the director to enter into one or more contracts for professional consultants to implement this ordinance.

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 apply for and accept a grant from the Cleveland Foundation in the amount of \$150,000 and other grants from any public and private entity to conduct a research study on the City's current property tax policies and tax abatement program and to assess the results; the director is authorized to file all papers and execute all documents necessary to receive the funds under the grants; and that the funds are appropriated for the purposes described in this ordinance.

Section 2. That the Executive Summary for the grants, File No. 476-2019-A, made a part of this ordinance as if fully rewritten, is approved in all respects and shall not be changed without additional legislative authority.

Section 3. That the Director of Community Development is authorized to employ by contract or contracts one or more consultants or one or more firms of consultants, necessary 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 this ordinance as described in the file.

The selection of the consultants for the services shall be made by the Board of Control on the nomination of the Director of Community Development from a list of qualified consultants available for employment, as may be determined after a full and complete canvass by the Director of Community 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 Community Development, and certified by the Director of Finance.

Section 4. That the costs of the contract or contracts shall be paid from the fund or funds to which are credited any grant proceeds accepted under this ordinance.

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.

Passed May 6, 2019.

Effective May 7, 2019.