

**CITY OF CLEVELAND**  
**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
**Right to Counsel – Legal Aid**  
**LEGISLATIVE REQUEST - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**ORDINANCE NO. XXX-2023**

**Description:**

That the Directors of Community Development, Finance or other appropriate director are authorized to enter into one or more agreements with United Way of Greater Cleveland, as the lead partner organization, to implement a program to provide access to legal services for covered individuals in eviction proceedings under Cleveland Codified Ordinance Section 375.12, Legal Representation in Housing Court.

Authorizing the Director of Community Development to contract to implement, and expend approved budgeted monies provided by the City of Cleveland general fund, for the purpose of securing and paying for professional legal services and representation for low-income tenants facing eviction proceedings. That the costs of said agreements shall not exceed \$500,000 and shall be paid from Fund No. 01-0101-6320.

**Purpose:**

This legislation ensures ongoing access to legal services for certain low-income tenants who face housing instability. The Department of Community Development will work in conjunction with The United Way of Greater Cleveland to provide the legal services. The United Way of Greater Cleveland will lead the program, and will contract with The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland to provide the legal services. Legal Aid will provide access to legal representation by its experienced staff, pro bona attorneys, and other subcontracted entities.

<b>Grantee:</b>	Legal Aid Society
<b>Ward:</b>	N/A
<b>Amount:</b>	\$500,000
<b>Funding Source:</b>	General Fund (01-0101-6320)
<b>RL Number:</b>	N/A