

Department of Public Health

Ordinance No. 481-2020

**First Year Cleveland  
Executive Summary**

**Background/Purpose:** Authorizing the Director of Public Health to enter into a tri-party agreement with the County of Cuyahoga and Case Western Reserve University, School of Medicine, for professional services necessary to continue the First Year Cleveland Program; and authorizing any agreements needed to implement, for a period of one year.

First Year Cleveland will continue to effectively coordinate community services, lead interconnected solutions, and be uniquely sensitive to the needs of expectant mothers, fathers, caregivers, and families. As a strong "backbone" organization, FYI is becoming the premier knowledge resource regarding interventions that yield results and will continue to define the community plan to achieve further results.

Case Western Reserve University, School of Medicine (CWRU) will serve as fiscal agent for the program, provide in-kind support and services, and provide expertise and assistance by working with First Year Cleveland's Advisory Council.

Unintended pregnancy rates in Cuyahoga County and the City of Cleveland are high and often impact high school and college completion, family stability, and health outcomes of both the mother and infant. As a result, these pregnancies often lead to significant premature births, which are a primary cause of the high levels of infant mortality in the region.

**Amount:** \$500,000

**Term:** January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020