

August 27, 2021

**Ord. No. 771-2021**

The Honorable Kevin Kelley  
President, Cleveland City Council  
601 Lakeside Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44114

**Subject: Legislation to be Passed Under Suspension on September 20, 2021**

Dear Council President Kelley,

We are requesting the following ordinance to be passed under suspension at the first reading on September 20, 2021. The legislation will authorize the Director of Community Development to submit a proposal for the grant as outlined in the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), accept any resulting grant awards, and enter into contracts to secure materials, equipment, supplies, and services necessary to administer the grant.

**The Healthy Homes Production Grant** provides funding for low- and very low-income families to remediate housing related health and safety hazards in privately owned housing, especially in units where there are families with children, older adults sixty-two years and older, or families with persons with disabilities. The grant allows for health and safe interventions for families to address multiple home hazards, including lead, asthma triggers, excess moisture, pest infestation and associated pesticide exposure, radon, inadequate ventilation, and accidental injury hazards.

Notice of the grant was received on August 6, 2021 with subsequent review to determine our qualification leading up to August 9. This is a leveraging grant and critical third-party partners are needed to conduct the work. Coordination efforts continued with confirmed acceptance by a partner on August 19, the day after the most recent Council meeting. Passage of this legislation on September 20, 2021 is critical to begin this process as soon as possible as the deadline for grant applications is September 21, 2021.

If you should have any additional questions or concerns, you may contact me at (216) 664-4143.

Sincerely,



Michiel Wackers, Director  
Department of Community Development

cc: All Members of Council  
Patricia J. Britt, City Clerk, Clerk of Council  
Valarie McCall, Chief of Government Affairs, Mayor's Office  
Louise Jackson, Commissioner, Neighborhood Services

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Kevin J. Kelley, Council President