

Ordinance No. 595-2024

By Council Members McCormack, Howse-Jones and Griffin (by departmental request)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Director of Finance to enter into one or more contracts with Clutch Consulting Group, the Cleveland Mediation Center, and various non-profit organizations for the purpose of developing and implementing direct-to-housing encampment resolution practices to eliminate unsheltered homelessness in the City of Cleveland as part of “A Home for Every Neighbor: A Vision For Housing Our Unsheltered Community” initiative, for the Department of Finance, for a period not to exceed eighteen months.

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland wishes to implement “A Home for Every Neighbor: A Vision For Housing Our Unsheltered Community” to end unsheltered homelessness by rehousing approximately 150 unsheltered persons by implementing a housing-focused outreach and engagement strategy in geographically-targeted areas of the City followed by rapid rehousing placements using existing and new City-sponsored housing resources, which is known as “housing central command” or “direct-to-housing encampment resolution” (the “Initiative”); 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 Finance is authorized to enter into one or more contracts with Clutch Consulting Group to implement the Initiative, including but not limited to development and management of a plan, using existing and new City-sponsored related resources, on the basis of its proposal dated May 7, 2024, for the Department of Finance, for a period not to exceed eighteen months.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to enter into one or more contracts with Cleveland Mediation Center to support the Initiative by providing housing assistance placement services, including but not limited to, outreach, administration, mediation, assessment, collaboration, disbursing funds, and other housing-related direct client assistance services, for the Department of Finance, for a period not to exceed eighteen months.

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Section 3. That the Director of Finance is authorized to enter into one or more contracts with various non-profit organizations that participate in workshops provided by Clutch Consulting Group to implement the Initiative and performing related services, for Department of Finance, for a period not to exceed eighteen months.

Section 4. That under Section 108(b) of the Charter, the services authorized by this ordinance may be made through cooperative arrangements with other governmental agencies. The Director of Finance may sign all documents that are necessary to obtain such services, and may enter into one or more contracts with the consultants selected through that cooperative process.

Section 5. The contract or contracts shall not exceed an aggregate amount of \$2,000,000 and shall be paid from Fund No. 01-9997-6985. (RQS 1501, RL 2024-57)

Section 6. 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.

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5-20-2024

FOR: Director Abonamah and Council Members McCormack and Howse-Jones

