

Ordinance No. 705-2025

By Council Members Hairston and Griffin
(by departmental request)

FOR PASSAGE
June 2, 2025

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

To amend various sections and supplement Ordinance No. 1253-2019, passed October 21, 2019, as amended by Ordinance No. 370-2024, passed May 20, 2024, relating to being a co-applicant and co-grantee with the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority to accept HUD funding.

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 Sections 1, 1a, and 4 of Ordinance No. 1253-2019, passed October 21, 2019, as amended by Ordinance No. 370-2024, passed May 20, 2024, are amended to read as follows:

Section 1. That the Director of Community Development is authorized to be a co-applicant and co-grantee with CMHA and to enter into one or more Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant Agreement or Agreements, including any ratifications that are necessary, with HUD that will allow CMHA and/or the City to receive \$45,000,000 and other funds that become available in CNI grant funding from HUD. The transformation plan for Woodhill Estates is consistent with the City's HUD consolidated action plan and revitalization of the neighborhood is a priority of the plan. Under the Agreement, Agreements, or ratifications, the Directors of Community Development and/or Economic Development may be authorized to accept a portion of the grant funds from HUD and/or CMHA to implement this ordinance, to file all papers and execute any documents necessary to receive the funds, and that the funds are appropriated for the purpose of this ordinance.

Section 1a. That the Directors of Community Development and Economic Development shall deposit any eligible funds accepted under this ordinance into a fund or funds designated by the Director of Finance to implement this ordinance. (RQS 9501, RLA 2025-41)

Section 4. That the Directors of Community Development and Economic Development are authorized to enter into one or more agreements with CMHA regarding the implementation of the CNI grant program.

Section 2. That existing Sections 1, 1a, and 4 of Ordinance No. 1253-2019, passed October 21, 2019, as amended by Ordinance No. 370-2024, passed May 20, 2024, are repealed.

Section 3. That Ordinance No. 1253-2019, passed October 21, 2019, as amended by Ordinance No. 370-2024, passed May 20, 2024, is supplemented by adding new Sections 1b, 1c, 1d, and 1e to read as follows:

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Section 1b. That under Section 1 of the ordinance, the Director of Economic Development is authorized to accept funding up to \$1,600,000.00 and administrative cost from CMHA to conduct Critical Community Improvements under the CNI Grant; and that the funds are appropriated for the purposes of entering into contracts with small businesses in the Woodhill Choice Neighborhood area for the purposes of providing grants for eligible improvements.

Section 1c. That the Director of Economic Development is authorized to enter into one or more contracts for grants with eligible small businesses under the Choice Neighborhoods Grant Program.

Section 1d. That fees received under the Choice Neighborhoods Grant Program will be deposited into a fund approved by the Director of Finance.

Section 1e. That the cost of each contract shall not exceed \$100,000.00 per applicant and shall be paid from the fund or funds to which are credited the grant proceeds accepted under this ordinance.

Section 4. 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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6-2-2025
FOR: Directors McNair and Hernandez

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