

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY
Cleveland City Council

Ordinance No.	854-2025
Legislative Purpose	Authorizing the Director of Community Development to use General Funds to replace typical departmental allocations used to support general operations of CDCs.
Project Purpose	The purpose of this legislation is to allow more flexibility within the budget by using General Funds instead of CDBG funding.
Amount	\$1,200,000
Funding Source	General Funds

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Subject: CDC funding process

Council President and Chairman Hairston,
I wanted to share with you a message about the CDC funding process that will require two ordinances.

Our plan is to use general funds to replace the typical departmental allocation. This award will be designed to be as flexible as possible within the law to support the general administration of the CDCs. We will work to contract this out as quickly as the legislation is passed.

Part two of the plan will take longer and is contingent on us completing the HUD process which includes us submitting annual action plan to HUD, them accepting that plan and working through a grant agreement. This process is normal, however it is delayed this year since the funding notice came later than normal. Passing the CDBG budget is also part of this process. As we are completing this part of the process we are asking that CDCs and their councilmembers go through the NDA process where councilmembers make their commitments to fund CDCs and let the department know through the PIF process what dollars will be committed to CDCs by July 31. When we have those NDA commitments for CDBG dollars we will create a CDC contract with CDBG dollars following our typical process.

For this year the CDCs will have two separate contracts, one with general fund dollars to support their general operations and the second CDBG contract that supports the CDBG activities as it has the past two years.

Ideal timeline: Legislation for general fund CDC contracts and CDBG budget passed in July through committee of the whole or through a separate CDBG budget hearing.

I am happy to talk through this process and timeline and answer any questions you may have.

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