

Ordinance No. 1321-2024

**By Council Members Kazy and Griffin
(by departmental request)**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Director of Finance, on behalf of the Office of Sustainability, to enter into an agreement with Johns Hopkins University, for the placement of three in-kind support staff members and funding to design, develop and implement solutions to address climate change and climate inequity, for a period of three years.

WHEREAS, Bloomberg Philanthropies, through its Bloomberg American Sustainable Cities Initiative (“Initiative”), has established its Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation at Johns Hopkins University (“JHU”) and wishes to place an innovation team of three in-kind support staff members, and provide funding for expenditures directly related to support the work of the innovation team, at no cost to the City, to design, develop and implement solutions to address climate change and climate inequity; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the in-kind support and funding, participating cities will also be provided technical assistance and support from JHU to pursue the solutions through partnerships and collaborations with other contributing partners including PolicyLink, Natural Resources Defense Council, Delivery Associates, and the Sustainable Cities Fund; 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, on behalf of the Office of Sustainability, is authorized to apply for and accept a grant of an innovation team comprising three in-kind support staff members, directly employed by JHU who will report to the City’s Chief of Staff, and the sum of approximately \$120,000 for non-personal expenses directly related to the work of the innovation team, to participate in the Initiative and assist various departments and community partners through the Office of Sustainability to design, develop and implement solutions to address climate change and climate inequity, at no cost to the City, for a period of three years; that the Director is authorized to file all papers and execute all documents necessary to receive the funds under the grant; and that the funds are appropriated for the purposes described in this legislation. (RQS 0112, RLA 2024-115)

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Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to enter into one or more agreements and execute any other necessary documents with JHU to use the in-kind support and funding for non-personal expenses to conduct the work for a period of three years.

Section 3. That the agreement shall be prepared by the Director of Law and shall contain such terms and conditions needed to protect and benefit the public interest.

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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11-25-2024
FOR: Director Barrett

