

Ordinance No. 1028-2023

By Council Member Griffin
(by departmental request)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Director of Finance to enter into one or more agreements with The Convention and Visitors Bureau of Greater Cleveland Inc., dba Destination Cleveland, to establish, manage, and implement the Cleveland Major Events Grant Program to provide grants to assist with acquiring and executing high-profile events benefitting the City; and to apply for and accept any gifts or grants for this purpose from any public or private entity.

WHEREAS, the City desires to create a Cleveland Major Events Grant Program (the “Program”) under which The Convention and Visitors Bureau of Greater Cleveland, Inc., dba Destination Cleveland (“Destination Cleveland”) will provide grants to selected entities to assist in the acquisition and execution of national-scale sporting, fine arts, historic, natural/recreational, culinary, lifestyle, or creative industry events in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Program will enable the City to regularly and strategically invest in high-profile events that support local businesses and organizations and bring economic activity and positive national attention to the City; 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, for the purposes stated in this ordinance, the Director of Finance is authorized to enter into one or more agreements with Destination Cleveland to establish, manage, and implement the Program, as described in **File No. 1028-2023-A**, which will provide grants to selected entities to assist in the acquisition and execution of national-scale sporting, fine arts, historic, natural/recreational, culinary, lifestyle, or creative industry events in the City that will have a measurable community or economic benefit.

Section 2. That the agreement or agreements with Destination Cleveland shall provide for the creation of a committee to review grant applications and make final funding decisions of the Program. Such committee shall consist of the Mayor, one member appointed by the Mayor, the Council President, one member appointed by the Council President, and the Executive Director of Destination Cleveland. Any members

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of such committee who are City employees or officials shall serve as *ex officio* members of the committee.

Section 3. That the Director of Finance is authorized to apply for and accept any gifts or grants to implement this ordinance from any public or private entity; and that the Director of Finance is authorized to file all papers and execute all documents necessary to receive such funds; and that the funds are appropriated for the purposes described in this ordinance.

Section 4. That the costs of the agreements shall not exceed \$2,000,000 and shall be paid from Fund No. 10 SF 400 and other funds approved by the Director of Finance, and from the fund or fund to which are credited any gifts or grants received for this purpose. (RQS 0117, RLA 2023-88)

Section 5. 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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9-18-2023
FOR: Director Abonamah

