

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
SUMMARY FOR THE LEGISLATIVE FILE
ORDINANCE NO: 665-2026

Borrower: Northern Ohio Recovery Association or designee
Project Name: NORA Village
Project Manager: Carolyn Dreyer
Ward/Councilperson: 8/ Howse Jones
City Assistance: Core City I
Project Site: 5342 Stanard Ave, Cleveland, Ohio 44103

Project Summary

Northern Ohio Recovery Association (NORA) is a nonprofit organization located at 1400 East 55th Street is dedicated to supporting individuals and families impacted by substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders through housing stability, workforce development, and comprehensive supportive services. NORA's Neighborhood Revitalization and Economic Empowerment Project aims to expand access to safe, stable housing while equipping residents with the tools necessary to achieve long-term self-sufficiency.

The proposed project will construct two duplex buildings with two units designated for recovery housing and two units designated for permanent supportive housing. Each of the four residential units contains three bedrooms and will operate as leased housing for individuals who have completed treatment. Referrals will be accepted through a network of behavioral health providers to ensure appropriate placement and continuity of care.

Each home is expected to serve an average of 3 to 6 individuals at any given time, depending on household composition and occupancy needs. Across all four units, this represents approximately 12 to 24 individuals housed at any one time. Because this model emphasizes longer-term stability, turnover will be limited; however, with natural transitions throughout the year, we anticipate each unit will serve approximately 8 to 10 individuals annually. This projection is based on four units serving an average of 8 to 10 individuals per year (4 units x 8-10 individuals), resulting in an estimated total of 32 to 40 individuals served annually.

Through a holistic, trauma-informed approach, NORA will provide wraparound services that address both immediate housing needs and long-term economic mobility. Core services will include financial literacy education, workforce development and vocational training, credit-building programs, transportation assistance, housing navigation and counseling, and coordinated medical and behavioral health screenings. Residents will also receive reintegration support services designed to promote stability, independence, and family reunification.

The project has been reviewed by the Housing Advisory Board on March 11th, 2026 and approved, in compliance with the Ohio Constitution and statutory requirements and will enhance the availability of adequate housing in the City and will improve the economic and general well-being of the people of the City and it is in the public interest and a proper public purpose for the City to provide and or assist in providing housing or individuals and families.

Proposed City Assistance

- City will provide a \$500,000 Core City I Grant

Economic Impact

- Creation of 6 full-time equivalent jobs with an annual payroll of \$300,000 and retain 18 full-time equivalent jobs by December 31, 2029. Estimated \$7,500 annually added income

City Requirements

- Project is subject to a Workforce Development Agreement and Community Benefits Agreement.