

# Ordinance No.1322-2025

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

## AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Director of Public Health to enter into an agreement with Case Western Reserve University, Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Sciences, for professional services necessary to continue programming through First Year Cleveland; and authorizing any agreements needed to implement such programming, for a period of two years.

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WHEREAS, unintended pregnancy rates in Cuyahoga County and the City of Cleveland are high and often impact high school and college completion, family stability, and health outcomes of both mother and infant; and

WHEREAS, unintended pregnancies often lead to significant premature births, which are a primary cause of the high levels of infant mortality in the region; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the City of Cleveland, Case Western Reserve University (“CWRU”) and Cuyahoga County assisted with the formation of First Year Cleveland, a domestic nonprofit with the purpose to reduce infant mortality in Cleveland and Cuyahoga County, to serve as a fund-raising organization, and to facilitate community engagement for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, CWRU has agreed to continue to serve as fiscal agent for the program and continue to coordinate community services, lead interconnected solutions, perform as a premier knowledge resource regarding interventions to address determinants of health needs to reduce infant mortality in Cleveland, provide in-kind support and services, expertise and assistance, and work with First Year Cleveland’s Steering Committee to support program operations; 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 Public Health is authorized to enter into a agreement with the CWRU to continue programming through First Year Cleveland. The agreement will provide, among other things, that CWRU will continue as fiscal agent for and provide expertise and assistance to First Year Cleveland for a period of two years. CWRU agrees to continue to provide in-kind support and services and work with First

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Year Cleveland's Steering Committee to support program operations. A program summary is placed in File No. **1322-2025-A**.

**Section 2.** That the Director of Public Health is authorized to enter into any agreement or agreements with other agencies or entities needed to implement this ordinance.

**Section 3.** That the cost of the contract or contracts shall not exceed \$500,000 and shall be paid from Fund No. 01-5005-6320. (RQS 5005, RL 2025-85)

**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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FOR: Director Margolius

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