

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SUMMARY FOR THE LEGISLATIVE FILE

ORDINANCE NO: 1239-2024

Project Name: Aer Lingus Flight Service
Recipient: Team NEO. and/ or its designee
Project Site: Cleveland Hopkins International Airport
Project Manager: Thomas S. McNair, Director of Economic Development
Ward/Councilperson: Citywide benefit
City Assistance: \$600,000 UDAG Grant

Project Summary

The City of Cleveland will be providing to Team Neo, to ultimately benefit Aer Lingus, with a \$600,000 UDAG grant over a four year period guaranteed to induce Aer Lingus to start and maintain daily direct flight service from Cleveland to the Republic of Ireland for the anticipated period of 1/1/2023 to 3/31/2027. Jobs Ohio will be providing 80% of the funding (\$9.4M) and the City, County, GCP, Team NEO, and Destination Cleveland will combine for \$2.4M.

The primary goal of this project is to re-establish daily nonstop air service from Cleveland to Europe and make Cuyahoga County a more attractive location for private businesses by maintaining daily nonstop air service to Europe.