

Ordinance No. 502-2025

By Council Members Conwell, Griffin, Bishop, Gray, Hairston, Harsh, Howse-Jones, Jones, Kazy, Kelly, Maurer, McCormack, Polensek, Santana, Slife, Spencer and Starr
(by departmental request)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Director of Public Health to enter into one or more contracts with Downtown Cleveland Alliance, The Centers for Families and Children, and other partners in homeless services for the purpose of continuing “A Home for Every Neighbor: A Vision For Housing Our Unsheltered Community” Initiative, which is a direct-to-housing encampment resolution to bring people off the streets and into housing, for the Department of Public Health, for a period of one year, with one option to renew for a period up to one year, exercisable by the Director of Public Health.

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland wishes to continue “A Home for Every Neighbor: A Vision For Housing Our Unsheltered Community” Initiative, which is a direct-to-housing encampment resolution to bring people off the streets and into housing (the “Initiative”), for the Department of Public Health, for a period of one year, with one option to renew for a period up to one year, exercisable by the Director of Public Health; 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 one or more contracts with Downtown Cleveland Alliance to implement the Initiative by providing help with the disbursement of City funds for payment and management assistance of rental and utility payments, including but not limited to, maintenance of records of all transactions, providing disbursement reports to the City and ensuring that all disbursements comply with federal, state or local regulations, using existing and new City-sponsored related resources, for the Department of Public Health, for a period of one year, with one option to renew for a period up to one year, exercisable by the Director of Public Health.

Section 2. That the Director of Public Health is authorized to enter into one or more contracts with The Centers for Families and Children, a nonprofit corporation with its principal place of business in Cleveland, Ohio (“The Centers”), to support the Initiative by providing case management supervision and support, including but not limited to, home visits, life skills training, care coordination and other housing-related

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direct client assistance services and to also provide connections with medical, behavioral health, employment, and other social services, for the Department of Public Health, for a period of one year, with one option to renew for a period up to one year, exercisable by the Director of Public Health.

Section 3. That the Director of Public Health is authorized to enter into one or more contracts with various non-profit organizations to implement the Initiative and performing related services, for the Department of Public Health, for a period of one year, with one option to renew for a period up to one year, exercisable by the Director of Public Health.

Section 4. That under Section 108(b) of the Charter, the services authorized by this ordinance may be made through cooperative arrangements with other governmental agencies. The Director of Public Health may sign all documents that are necessary to obtain such services, and may enter into one or more contracts with the consultants selected through that cooperative process.

Section 5. That the contract or contracts shall not exceed an aggregate amount of \$1,920,000.00 and shall be paid from Fund No. 01-5006-6380. (RQS 5006, RL 2025-41)

Section 6. 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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