



City of Cleveland Memorandum

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TO: Blaine A. Griffin, Chair
Finance Committee

FROM: Karrie D. Howard, Director
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DATE: October 30, 2023

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 1004-2023 Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to enter into one or more agreements with Cuyahoga County for administration and operation of the Family Justice Center; and to pay the County for its share of the costs, for a period of up to four years

Background

The City of Cleveland, Department of Public Safety; the Cleveland Municipal Court; and Cuyahoga County Public Safety & Justice Services; desire to continue to cooperate in providing a Family Justice Center that will serve victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and elder abuse.

The Family Justice Center was designed to bridge the gap in services under the current system by offering a more rational, collaborative, victim-centered service delivery approach with increased data and information sharing capabilities.

Purpose of This Legislation

If passed by Council, Ordinance No. 1004-2023 would authorize the Director of Public Safety to enter into one or more agreements with Cuyahoga County to continue to provide for administration and operation of the Family Justice Center; and to pay the County for its share of the costs, for a period of four years.

Under the previous agreement, Cuyahoga County is authorized by the City to be the legal agent for a lease agreement at the site selected, and that funds allocated by the City annually for four years for the Center be authorized for use by the County for payment or partial payment of the rental agreement. The rent for the first year is \$189,000.00 plus the anticipated cost of the utilities of \$18,750.00 for a total estimated cost of \$207,750.00.

This legislation is important because it will continue to provide a coordinated effort in providing the necessary services to the victims of these crimes continue to ease the burden of navigating the path to obtaining services associated with the current assistance system. This legislation will continue to provide another avenue for the victims of these crimes to more easily obtain the services they need during an already difficult period of their lives.