

Ordinance No. 396-2023

By Council Members Hairston and Griffin
(by departmental request)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Director of Community Development to enter into an agreement with CHN Housing Partners, and/or its affiliates, to provide emergency rental assistance to qualified residents.

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland has proposed to enter into an agreement with CHN Housing Partners, and/or its affiliates (“CHN”), to provide for post-pandemic emergency rental assistance in the form of grants to qualified residents using \$5,000,000 of general funds that were previously allocated for rental assistance; and

WHEREAS, the grants given under this ordinance will assist qualified residents of Cleveland to address emergency rental needs such as affordability and accessibility by providing assistance dollars for security deposits and forward rent; 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 Community Development is authorized to enter into an agreement with CHN to provide grants to eligible City of Cleveland residents to assist with post-pandemic emergency rental assistance to provide residents with a security deposit, equal to one month’s rent, and/or for forward rent up to a three-month period, and reasonable administrative costs to CHN for conducting the program.

Section 2. That the term of the agreement shall end on December 31, 2025 and shall provide that any remaining grant funds be returned by CHN to the City, and that the returned funds shall be deposited into the funds or subfunds to be determined by the Director of Finance.

Section 3. That the agreement and all appropriate documents needed to effectuate this ordinance shall be prepared by the Director of Law.

Section 4. That the cost of the agreement with CHN under this ordinance shall not exceed \$5,000,000 and shall be paid from Fund No. 01-001-6985. (RQS 8006, RL 2023-19)

Section 5. 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.

