Community Benefits Ordinance (legislation)

Sets the legal framework for CBA requirements for development projects receiving city financial incentives over a certain amount.

Defines:

City financial incentives; Community Benefits Agreement;
Community Benefits; Developer; Development Project

Establishes:

- Two tiers based on size of project for CBA requirements
- Minimum requirements of a Community Benefits Agreements (Tier 1)
 - Projects receiving at least \$250k in city financial incentives are required to have a baseline CBA (191A.02)
- Community Benefits to be considered for Large Development Projects (Tier 2)
 - Projects receiving at least \$250k in city financial incentives with an expected project cost of \$20M+ are required to have a baseline CBA (191A.02) and additional benefits from items listed in 191A.03.
- Penalties for non-compliance

Directs:

- CCDC to work with ED, CD, OEO to review and recommend community benefits based on departmental and community input
- OEO to:
 - develop a public-facing dashboard with workforce, contracting, and community benefits data
 - Send quarterly reports to Council and copies of CBAs to include in the legislative file

Community Benefits Agreement (individual agreements)

Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) means a legally enforceable agreement between the City of Cleveland and the Developer that provides community benefits (amenities, benefits, commitments, or promises as described in the ordinance).

Departments and Developers will negotiate additional benefits specific to individual projects, according to the ordinance.

 "What's enough" will be determined by using a scorecard, developed by the Administration/professional services contract, and Cleveland Citywide Development Corporation recommendations informed by the community and departments.

Administrative Policy

How the Mayor's administration implements the Community Benefits Ordinance:

- Develop a scorecard (professional services contract): evaluates projects before city financial incentives are allocated
- Creation of data dashboard
- Fixing any issues with data reporting from developers (B2Gnow and LCPtracker) and other technical support
- Development of a policy for easy coordination with CCDC, CD, ED, OEO, and Law to negotiate and draft individual CBAs
- Development of a CBA template with section 191A.02 requirements