

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SUMMARY FOR THE LEGISLATIVE FILE

ORDINANCE NO: 1189-2024

Project Name: ARPA Built Environment Initiative
Recipient: Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Board
Amount: \$8,386,550.61
Location: Citywide

Project Summary:

Cleveland City Council passed Ordinance 672-2023 in June of 2023 to authorize the implementation of a citywide program designed to grow local workforce pipelines in key industries, specifically with respect to training historically underrepresented and marginalized workers (the “Built Environment Initiative”). The City entered into individual contractual agreements with each of the 14 project partners with the requirement that OMJ|CC would provide project management and verification services prior to the City’s payment to each partner. OMJ|CC has since transitioned to become a non-profit organization with the legal name Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Board (the “CCWDB”).

To streamline and enhance the efficiency of the initiative, this legislation will authorize the Director of Economic Development to enter into a single contract with the CCWDB to implement the Built Environment Initiative by administering the aforementioned sub-agreements with the balance of the funds. The outcomes and reporting commitments made as part of the January 2023 legislation will remain.

Economic Impact:

Throughout the period of the grant, ending December 31, 2026, the Built Environment Initiative will enroll 3,000 Cleveland residents into training programs, place 800 of them into relevant employment, and support 150 Minority-owned or Female-owned business enterprises.