


**To:** Mark Griffin, Director  
Department of Law

**From:** Thomas S. McNair, Director   
Department of Economic Development

**Subject:** Request for Legislation – Amendment to Ordinances 1253-2019 and 370-2024

**Date:** May 15, 2025

Confidential subject to Attorney Client Privileges

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Please prepare legislation for introduction at the next meeting scheduled for June 2, 2025 that authorizes the following:

Authorizing the Directors of Community Development and Economic Development to amend Ordinances 1253-2019 and 370-2024 in order to receive and accept funding from HUD and CMHA, implement Critical Community Improvement Projects related to Economic Development, and enter into various grant agreements with small businesses located in the Woodhill Choice Neighborhood.

As always, your cooperation is appreciated.

cc: Sherita Mullins, Cassie Slansky, Joevrose Bourdeau Small, Byron Demery, file

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
MEMORANDUM FOR LEGISLATION**

DATE OF REQUEST: May 15, 2025

INITIATED BY: Sherita Mullins

DIVISION/PHONE: 216-664-4274 COUNCILPERSON CONTACTED ON: 5/7/2025

Legislation to be passed under suspension: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Apply        Enter Into Contract        ✓  
Accept        ✓ Amend Ordinance No. 1253-2019  
Expend        ✓ Other (Copy Attached) 370-2024

**DIVISION OF PURCHASE - REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION FORM:**

R.L. X NOT APPLICABLE \_\_\_\_\_ COMPLETED & FORWARDED \_\_\_\_\_

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**TO BE COMPLETED BY MANAGEMENT ONLY:**

Disbursement:	Fund <u>To be established</u>	Subclass <u>To be established</u>
Fees:	Fund <u>NA</u>	Subclass <u>NA</u>
<u>C. Slansky</u> Manager		<u>5-21-25</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Fiscal Manager/Controller		<u>5-21-2025</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Director of Economic Development		<u>05/23/25</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Director of Community Development		<u>05/23/25</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Legislative Liaison		<u>05/23/25</u> Date

**JUSTIFICATION:** The passage of this ordinance is necessary to for the implementation of the Economic Development Critical Community Improvement.

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
ORDINANCE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Project:** Woodhill Choice- Neighborhoods Initiative Implementation Grant

**Entity:** City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority

**Wards:** 4/Gray and 6/Griffin

**Background:**

The City of Cleveland (“City”) and the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (“CMHA”) are co-grantees of a \$35 million Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Implementation Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to revitalize the Buckeye-Woodhill neighborhood. Under the Transformation Plan, the City is responsible for leading Critical Community Improvements, with \$4.5 million allocated for these projects.

An Intergovernmental Agreement signed on April 19, 2024, established roles for managing these projects. The agreement is now being amended and restated to authorize the City to carry out Economic Development Projects. CMHA will disburse up to \$1.6 million, plus administrative costs, to the City through Small Business Tenant Improvement Grants. The City will then provide grants to local small businesses to help fund retail space improvements tailored to their operational needs.