Ord. No. 858-2025

CITY OF CLEVELAND
Mayor Justin M. Bibb
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Date: July 2, 2025

To: The Honorable Blaine A. Griffin, President of Cleveland City Council

From: Alyssa Hernandez, Director of Community Development

Subject: Introduction and Passage – Ord. TBD

The Department of Community Development requests the introduction and passage of legislation authorizing the Director of Community Development to apply for and accept grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Program Year 2025. These include the CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA programs.

Unlike in prior years, where individual RQS and RLA forms were submitted at the time of the apply-and-accept ordinance, we will now submit one total amount in the legislation. The individual RQS/RLAs will follow as subsets for each program area. This change allows us to meet HUD timelines while still managing program funding in detail.

Community Development is submitting this on an expedited basis to ensure timely approval so we will be ready to receive funds when made available by HUD. This approach ensures Community Development will be ready to receive funds when made available by HUD.

Alyssa Hernandez, Director

Department of Community Development

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY
Cleveland City Council

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Ordinance No.	TBD
Legislative Purpose	Authorizing the Director of Community Development to apply for and accept grants from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for PY2025 under the Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, for the 2025 Federal HOME Investment Partnerships Act Program, Emergency Solutions Grant Program, and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program; and authorizing contracts and other expenditures.
Project Purpose	The purpose of this legislative request is to authorize the Director of Community Development to apply for and accept Program Year 2025 entitlement grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), including CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA. Passage of this legislation is necessary to ensure the City meets federal requirements and deadlines for the submission of its Annual Action Plan and grant agreements. It provides the authority to accept and appropriate the total anticipated grant amounts, enter into contracts, allocate funds, and implement eligible activities in accordance with HUD regulations and the City's Consolidated Plan. This legislation allows the City to continue its critical work in affordable housing, homelessness prevention, neighborhood revitalization, and services for vulnerable populations.
Grantee	City of Cleveland, Department of Community Development
Amount	CDGB - $19,463,970 HOME - $4,257,957 ESG - $1,764,744 HOPWA - $2,368,588
Funding Source	CDBG/ HUD
RL No.	RLA2025-0072