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DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

SUMMARY FOR THE LEGISLATIVE FILE

ORDINANCE NO.	923-2026
PROJECT NAME	US DOT Regional Infrastructure Accelerators (RIA) Grant to Support Shore-to-Core-to Shore Initiatives
PROJECT MANAGER	David Wilson, Mayor's Office
CITY ASSISTANCE	Acting as Agent to Support Shore-to-Core-to-Shore, Riverfront and Lakefront Development Initiatives

OVERVIEW

The City of Cleveland has been awarded a **Regional Infrastructure Accelerators (RIA) grant** from the U.S. Department of Transportation—an opportunity that positions the city to accelerate major infrastructure and transit-oriented development. This grant provides targeted support for the Shore-to-Core-to-Shore initiative and other projects eligible for federal credit programs administered by the **Build America Bureau,** which offers low-interest loans and financial tools capable of unlocking large-scale investment. With this award, the City will be able to deploy specialized consulting expertise to identify projects that may qualify for additional funding through the TIFIA and RRIF programs, strengthening efforts to create an accessible, connected, and vibrant lakefront and riverfront for Cleveland.

To carry out this work, Directors of Development and Finance will engage—through one or more contracts—technical consultants whose expertise will expand the City's capacity to deliver on the goals outlined in the City's Reginal Infrastructure Accelerator grant application. Professional services that include but are not limited to financial advisory, planning, market analysis, project development, public-private partnership structuring, program management, and other specialized support essential to advancing Cleveland's next generation of infrastructure projects.