CITY OF CLEVELAND
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Right to Council – Legal Aid
LEGISLATIVE REQUEST - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
ORDINANCE NO. XXX-2026

Description: That the Directors of Community Development, Finance or other appropriate director are authorized to enter into one or more agreements with The Legal Aid Society to implement a program to provide access to legal services for covered individuals in eviction proceedings under Cleveland Codified Ordinance Section 375.12, Legal Representation in Housing Court.

Authorizing the Director of Community Development to contract to implement, and expend approved budgeted monies provided by the City of Cleveland general fund, for the purpose of securing and paying for professional legal services and representation for low-income tenants facing eviction proceedings. That the costs of said agreements shall not exceed $750,000 and shall be paid from Fund No. 01-0101-6320.

Purpose: This legislation ensures ongoing access to legal services for certain low-income tenants who face housing instability. The Department of Community Development will work in conjunction with The Legal Aid Society to provide legal services. The Legal Aid Society will lead the program and provide legal representation and services through its experienced staff, pro bono attorneys, and other subcontracted entities.

Grantee: Legal Aid Society

Term: N/A

Estimated Cost: N/A

Ward: N/A

Amount: $750,000

Funding Source: General Fund (8006; 6320 Professional Services)

RL No: N/A