

Ordinance No. 715-2019

Council Members: Brancatelli and Kelley (by departmental request)

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Economic Development to apply for and accept grants from CoBank and Farm Credit Mid-America, and/or their designees, for the Gardening for Greenbacks Program; and authorizing the Director to enter into one or more contracts with small businesses, merchants, or local farmers to implement the grant.

WHEREAS, under Ordinance No. 553-08, passed June 2, 2008, and under Ordinance 884-12 passed on July 11, 2012, this Council authorized the establishment of the Gardening for Greenbacks Program; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to continue the Gardening for Greenbacks Program by applying for and accepting the grants authorized in this ordinance and providing match to continue the programs to be used as additional program resources made available to eligible small businesses, merchants, and local farmers; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the Director of Economic Development is authorized to apply for and accept grants from CoBank and Farm Credit Mid-America, and/or their designees, each in the amount of \$25,000 for a combined total of \$50,000 to continue to conduct the Gardening for Greenbacks Program; that the Director is authorized to file all papers and execute all documents necessary to receive the funds under the grants; and that the funds are appropriated for the purposes described in the Executive Summary contained in the file described below.

Section 2. That in addition to the grant funds accepted above, the City shall contribute an additional \$25,000 from the UDAG Repayment fund to the Gardening for Greenbacks Program to be used as additional program resources made available to eligible small businesses, merchants, and local farmers.

Section 3. That the Executive Summary, File No. 715-2019-A, made a part of this ordinance as if fully rewritten, is approved in all respects and shall not be changed without additional legislative authority.

Section 4. That the Director of Economic Development is authorized to enter into one or more contracts for grants with eligible small businesses, merchants, or local farmers under the Gardening for Greenbacks Program.

Section 5. That fees received under the Gardening for Greenbacks Program will be deposited into a fund approved by the Director of Finance.

Section 6. That the cost of each contract shall not exceed \$5,000 per applicant and shall be paid from the fund or fund to which are credited the grant proceeds accepted under this ordinance and from Fund No. 17 SF 052, UDAG Repayments. (RQS 9501, RLA 2019-44)

Section 7. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed July 24, 2019.

Effective July 26, 2019.