

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
SUMMARY FOR THE LEGISLATIVE FILE
ORDINANCE NO: 549-2021**

Project Name: Central Kitchen
Project Address: 7501 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115
Developer: 7501 Carnegie, LLC and/or Designee
Project Manager: Dan Kennedy
Ward/Councilperson: 5 – Delores Gray
City Assistance: \$436,517 Machinery and Equipment Loan

Project Summary and Discussion

Central Kitchen is a craft food business accelerator and innovation hub that empowers entrepreneurs to achieve their fullest potential; offering classes, a shared kitchen and individual pods, co-packing and productions facilities, warehousing, retail space, offices and distribution partnerships. Central Kitchen has assisted and helped create over three dozen sustainable businesses since 2013.

7501 Carnegie LLC (“Borrower”) requests a loan in the amount of \$436,517 through the Economic Development Administration Cares Act to offset costs associated with purchasing machinery and equipment at 7501 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 (“Project Site”). Borrower will retain 3 W-2 jobs and create 10 new W-2 jobs at the Project Site with an approximate annual payroll of \$300,000. The Borrower is seeking to purchase new equipment to expand kitchen, warehouse, and co-packing and production spaces throughout the Central Kitchen. New equipment to be purchased include exhaust hoods, hand sinks, 2 and 3-compartment sinks, hot water tanks, kettles, HVAC, and other related and eligible items.

Proposed City Assistance

The request to Cleveland City Council is to authorize the Director of Economic Development to enter into a non-forgivable loan in the amount of \$436,517 through the EDA Cares Act Program to offset costs associated with purchasing machinery and equipment at the Project Site.

Economic Impact

- Creation of 10 jobs in the City of Cleveland
- Project estimates \$7,500 in new annual City tax revenue generated from new employees

City Requirements

- Subject to Chapter 187
- Subject to a Workforce Development Agreement for all new jobs
- Subject to a Community Benefits Agreement