



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
4th FLOOR

MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 — 3:00 P.M.

Committee Members

Sunny M. Simon, Chair | Dist. 11
Robert E. Schleper, Jr., Vice Chair | Dist. 6
Michael J. Houser, Sr. | Dist. 10
Pernel Jones, Jr. | Dist. 8
Dale Miller | Dist. 2

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 29, 2026 MEETING

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0228: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to Building Hope in the City for the Embody Youth Academy 2026 Youth Development & Expansion Initiative from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- b) R2026-0229: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Cleveland Print Room, Inc. for the Lexington site expansion Project from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- c) R2026-0231: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$30,000, to the Friends of the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter for the Slow the Flow project from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT

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MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2026 — 3:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Simon asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Houser and Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Jones was in attendance after the roll call was taken. Committee member Schleper was absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 1, 2026 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Simon and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2026 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0205: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a grant agreement to Say Yes Cleveland and College Now Greater Cleveland, Inc., for administration and fiscal agent services for the Say Yes Cleveland program for the period 7/16/2024 – 7/15/2026 to extend the time period to 7/15/2027, to amend various terms, and for additional funds in the amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00, effective 7/16/2026; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. David Merriman, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services; Mr. Derrick Fulton, Executive Director of Say Yes Cleveland; and Ms. Maggie McGrath, Chief Administrative Officer of Say Yes Cleveland Scholarship, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0205. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Merriman, Mr. Fulton and Ms. McGrath pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Houser, Resolution No. R2026-0205 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

- b) R2026-0209: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$25,000, to the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office Animal Crimes Unit for the Abused and Neglected Animal Health Restoration Fund from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Isadora Almaro, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney; and Mr. Michael Stacks, Chief of Police for the City of Bedford, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0209. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Almaro and Chief Stacks pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Houser, Resolution No. R2026-0209 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Committee members Houser and Miller requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- c) R2026-0221: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 3437 (fka Contract No. 2840) with Maximus Human Services, Inc. for the Ohio Works First Program for the period 1/1/2023 – 6/30/2026 to extend the time period to 9/30/2026, to amend budget terms, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,020,620.06, effective 7/1/2026; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Marcos Cortes, Administrator of the Division of Contracts and Performance; and Mr. Paul Bounds, Deputy Administrator of the Department of Jobs and Family Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0221. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Messrs. Cortes and Bounds pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2026-0221 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

- d) R2026-0227: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 5491 with Youth Opportunities Unlimited for single Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program provider services for young adults for the period 7/1/2025– 6/30/2026, to extend the time period to 6/30/2027 and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed

\$6,475,025.00; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Cortes; Mr. Craig Dorn, President and CEO of Youth Opportunities Unlimited (Y.O.U.); and Mr. Bounds, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0227. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Messrs. Cortes, Dorn and Bounds pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2026-0227 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

6. PRESENTATION

- a) Oakwood Village Climate Action Plan – SeMia Bray, Black Environmental Leaders Association

Ms. SeMia Bray, Executive Director of Black Environmental Leaders Association and The Honorable Erica Nikolic, Mayor of Oakwood Village, addressed the Committee regarding the Oakwood Village Climate Action Plan. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Bray and Mayor Nikolic pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Ms. Jenita McGowan, Deputy Chief of Staff for Climate and Sustainability, answered questions from the Committee regarding cities with formal Climate Action Plans. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. McGowan pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2026-0228

Sponsored by: Councilmember Sweeney	A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to Building Hope in the City for the Embody Youth Academy 2026 Youth Development & Expansion Initiative from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County received \$239,898,257 from the Federal Government through the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”); and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County calculated 100% of the ARPA dollars as loss revenue under the U.S. Department of the Treasury Final Rule; and

WHEREAS, since all the ARPA dollars have been calculated as loss revenue, the ARPA dollars have been deposited in the County’s General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive and County Council have authorized \$86 million of the ARPA dollars for community grants to benefit the residents of Cuyahoga County (the “ARPA Community Grant Fund”); and

WHEREAS, of the \$86 million for community grants, \$66 million have been encumbered for equal distribution to each County Council District; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund in the amount of \$10,000 to Building Hope in the City for the Embody Youth Academy 2026 Youth Development & Expansion Initiative; and

WHEREAS, Building Hope in the City estimates approximately 150-250 youth people will be served annually through this award; and

WHEREAS, Building Hope in the City estimates approximately 7 permanent and temporary jobs will be created or retained through this project; and

WHEREAS, Building Hope in the City estimates the total cost of the project is \$287,000; and

WHEREAS, Building Hope in the City indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes:

- A. \$100,000 from Individual Contributions and Major Gifts;
- B. \$100,000 from Private Foundation Support;
- C. \$50,000 from Church Partnerships and Ministry Support;
- D. \$27,000 from Corporate and Community Support; and

WHEREAS, Building Hope in the City is estimating the start date of the project will be January 2026 and the project will be completed by December 2026; and

WHEREAS, Building Hope in the City requested \$10,000 from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund to complete this project; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding in the amount of \$10,000 to Building Hope in the City to ensure this project is completed; and

WHEREAS, this Council by a vote of at least eight (8) members determines that it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue to provide for the usually, daily operations of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby awards a not-to-exceed amount of \$10,000 to Building Hope in the City from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the Embody Youth Academy 2026 Youth Development & Expansion Initiative.

SECTION 2. If any specific appropriation is necessary to effectuate this agreement, the Director of the Office of Budget and Management is authorized to submit the requisite documentation to financial reporting to journalize the appropriation.

SECTION 3. That the County Council staff is authorized to prepare all documents to effectuate said award.

SECTION 4. That the County Executive is authorized to execute all necessary agreements and documents consistent with said award and this Resolution.

SECTION 5. If requested or necessary, the Agency of the Inspector General or Department of Internal Audit is authorized to investigate, audit, or review any part of this award.

SECTION 6. To the extent that any exemptions are necessary under the County Code and contracting procedures, they shall be deemed approved by the adoption of this Resolution.

SECTION 7. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 8. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: August 4, 2026
Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

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COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION:	
Name of Requesting Entity (City, Business, Non-Profit, etc.): Building Hope in the City	
Address of Requesting Entity: 3274 W. 58th Street Cleveland, OH 44102	
County Council District # of Requesting Entity: 3	
Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity:	
County Council District # of Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity:	
Contact Name of Person Filling out This Request: Brian Upton	
Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity:	
Email: info@buildinghopeinthecity.org	Phone: (216) 281-4673
Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.: 33-1072830	Date: June 12, 2026

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

REQUEST DESCRIPTION (include the project name, a description of the project, why the project is important or needed, and timeline of milestones/tracking of the project):

Project Name:

Embody Youth Academy 2026 Youth Development & Expansion Initiative

Project Description:

The Embody Youth Academy 2026 Youth Development & Expansion Initiative expands access to mentorship, leadership development, athletic training, workforce readiness exposure, and community engagement opportunities for youth throughout Cleveland.

Founded in 2023, Embody Youth Academy exists to strengthen individuals to realize their potential and lead in their communities. Through consistent mentorship, athletic training, life coaching, leadership development, and community engagement, Embody provides a safe and structured environment where young people develop discipline, confidence, resilience, and purpose.

Many youth in Cleveland face challenges including limited access to positive extracurricular opportunities, lack of consistent mentorship, educational disparities, social isolation, and exposure to community violence. Embody addresses these challenges by creating positive relationships and developmental opportunities that help youth build the skills and character needed to thrive in school, work, and community life.

County ARPA funds will provide organizational support for youth development programming, mentorship initiatives, leadership development activities, athletic training, community engagement opportunities, and operational capacity.

Project milestones include expanding core mentorship cohorts, delivering youth camps and partner programming, increasing community partnerships, enhancing program resources, implementing facility improvements, increasing youth participation, evaluating outcomes, and preparing for continued growth in 2027.

Project Start Date:

January 1, 2026

Project End Date:

December 31, 2026.

IMPACT OF PROJECT:

Who will be served:

Youth primarily teens and young adults ranging from 10–21 and their families throughout Cleveland, with a particular focus on youth from underserved neighborhoods and low-to-moderate income households.

How many people will be served annually:

Approximately 150–250 youth annually through a combination of ongoing mentorship cohorts, athletic training programs, youth camps, school assemblies, leadership development activities, community events, family engagement opportunities, and youth development programming delivered directly by Embody Youth Academy and in partnership with schools, churches, and community organizations.

Will low/moderate income people be served; if so how:

The majority of youth participating in Embody Youth Academy come from low-to-moderate income households. Financial barriers are reduced through scholarships, subsidized participation, transportation assistance, mentorship support, and community partnerships that help ensure access regardless of a family's ability to pay.

How does the project fit with the community and with other ongoing projects:

The project complements existing youth development, mentoring, educational, workforce readiness, violence prevention, and neighborhood revitalization efforts throughout Cleveland. Embody collaborates with schools, churches, nonprofit organizations, local businesses, community leaders, and families to provide coordinated support and opportunities for young people.

If applicable, how many jobs will be created or retained (specify the number for each) and will the jobs be permanent or temporary:

Executive Program Director, Director of Community Impact (1), Part-Time Coaches (2) Seasonal: Additional Part-Time Coaches, Mentors, and Program Staff (2–4)

If applicable, what environmental issues or benefits will there be:

The project strengthens the use of an existing community facility while promoting positive neighborhood engagement, healthy recreation opportunities, and productive use of community space.

If applicable, how does this project serve as a catalyst for future initiatives:

Embodiment Youth Academy operates as an ongoing youth development initiative serving Cleveland youth through mentorship, leadership development, athletic training, workforce readiness exposure, and community engagement.

This project represents the next phase of growth and expansion by strengthening program infrastructure, increasing organizational capacity, expanding access for underserved youth, and positioning Embodiment to serve significantly more young people in the years ahead. Investments made through this project will support future program growth, expanded partnerships, increased community engagement, and long-term sustainability.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Total Budget of Project:

\$287,000

The project budget supports personnel, program operations, facility expenses, youth development programming, and organizational support necessary to deliver mentorship, leadership development, athletic training, and community engagement opportunities throughout 2026. County ARPA funds will provide organizational support for the Embody Youth Academy 2026 Youth Development & Expansion Initiative.

Other Funding Sources of Project (list each source and dollar amount separately):

Individual Contributions and Major Gifts: \$100,000

Private Foundation Support: \$100,000

Church Partnerships and Ministry Support: \$50,000

Corporate and Community Support: \$27,000

Total Other Funding Sources:**

\$277,000

Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars:

\$10,000

Since these are one-time dollars, how will the Project be sustained moving forward:

The project will be sustained through a diversified funding strategy that includes individual donor support, major gifts, foundation support, church partnerships, corporate support, and community partnerships. Embody Youth Academy continues to cultivate long-term funding relationships and strategic partnerships that will support the organization's ongoing growth and sustainability beyond the grant period.

DISCLAIMER INFORMATION AND SIGNATURE:

Disclaimer:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have the authority to apply for financial assistance on behalf of the entity described herein, and that the information contained herein and attached hereto is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I acknowledge and agree that all County contracts and programs are subject to Federal Guidelines and Regulations, the Ohio Revised Code, the Cuyahoga County Charter, and all County Ordinances including all information submitted as part of this application is a public record.

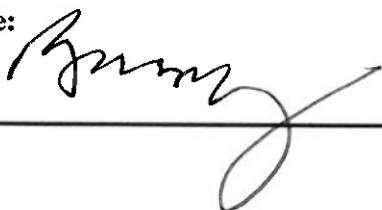
I understand that any willful misrepresentation on this application or on any of the attachments thereto could result in a fine and/or imprisonment under relevant local, state, and/or federal laws or guidelines.

I agree that at any time, any local, state, or federal governmental agency, or a private entity on behalf of any of these governmental agencies, can audit these dollars and projects.

Printed Name:

Brian Upton

Signature:



Date:

6-16-26

Additional Documents

Are there additional documents or files as part of this application? Please list each documents name:

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2026-0229

Sponsored by: Councilmember Sweeney	A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Cleveland Print Room, Inc. for the Lexington site expansion project from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund in the amount of \$10,000 to the Cleveland Print Room, Inc. for the Lexington site expansion project; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Print Room, Inc. estimates approximately 10,000 people will be served annually through this award; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Print Room, Inc. estimates approximately four permanent and temporary jobs will be created or retained through this project; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Print Room, Inc. estimates the total cost of the project is over \$9,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Print Room, Inc. indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes:

- A. \$1,581,375 in equity from the Cleveland Print Room, Inc.;

- B. \$3,419,183 from the Ohio Department of Development Brownfield Grant;
- C. \$225,000 from the Ohio Finance Fund;
- D. \$750,000 from the Gund Foundation;
- E. \$900,000 from the Cleveland Foundation;
- F. \$275,000 from the Cleveland Development Advisors;
- G. \$500,000 from Cuyahoga County;
- H. \$1,500,000 from a Huntington Loan;
- I. \$150,000 from line of credit; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Print Room, Inc. is estimating the start date of the project will be July 2026 and the project will be completed by December 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Print Room, Inc. requested \$50,000 from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund to complete this project; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding in the amount of \$10,000 to the Cleveland Print Room, Inc. to ensure this project is completed; and

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COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION:	
Name of Requesting Entity (City, Business, Non-Profit, etc.): The Cleveland Print Room, Inc.	
Address of Requesting Entity: 4730 Lexington Ave. Cleveland, Ohio 44103	
County Council District # of Requesting Entity: District 3 – Martin Sweeney	
Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity: 	
County Council District # of Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity: District 7 – Yvonne Conwell	
Contact Name of Person Filling out This Request: Kerry Davis, Director	
Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity: 	
Email: kerry@clevelandprintroom.com	Phone: 573-233-5363

Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.:	Date:
90-0922757	7/9/2026

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

REQUEST DESCRIPTION (include the project name, a description of the project, why the project is important or needed, and timeline of milestones/tracking of the project):

The Lexington site is a viable adaptive reuse project. A group of former industrial buildings, it totals approximately 18,000 square feet. The main building (1920) on the site is a two-story brick structure of about 12,000 square feet. An adjacent, connected, structure of about 2,000 square feet along with a detached 3,200 square foot brick shop structure on the southeast corner of the property. It is currently an eye sore building in the City of Cleveland with environmental challenges that are being remedied.

A number of factors prompted the desire to expand the space to better serve its participants:

CPR had inadequate space to offer classes/workshops at prime times (weekends and after school) which limited our ability to create earned income onsite at the present facility. It is estimated that the extra workshop and studio space could increase workshop earned income up to 50%, expanding services and programs.

CPR lacked a meeting space for gatherings of 50 to 150 people, using the gallery at the old space as a makeshift meeting space, classroom and a place to host classes, large school groups.

The local photographic community expressed a need to develop a state-of-the-art, environmentally-safe, community darkroom that will have the capabilities to develop large format prints, in addition to a one- person darkroom for printing. There is a need to create a safer, more ecologically-minded darkroom responsibility to be thoughtful of the environment and that center environmental sustainability from the onset of the project. CPR will be able to provide the public with onsite color processing in a larger facility. Relocation to the MidTown neighborhood from our old location has further served as a catalyst, with a goal to be a part of the expanded economic development in Cleveland and its surrounding neighborhoods, including job creation enabling us to build and maintain our unique partnerships and community relationships. Internal operations at the old space were hampered by cramped office space that was not private, offered inadequate accessibility to elevators and restroom facilities, and the need for more environmentally-friendly lighting, heating and cooling.

Taking on tenants will enable CPR to acquire equity and sustainability for the project, the Print Room is creating a place-based identity while continuing to build capacity, adding to its work a more robust, unique neighborhood-serving identity. In view of its stability and sustainability as well as the oscillating real estate market, CPR was strategically positioned to invest in a piece of real estate at the intersection of Lexington Avenue and E. 47th. It is there that the organization is in the process of creating a home for itself.

This request is part of the capital raise to fill the funding gaps to bring this project to completion.

This request is part of the capital raise filling the remaining gap to complete the project.

Project Start Date: July 1, 2026	Project End Date: December 31, 2026
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IMPACT OF PROJECT:
Who will be served: Youth and recent graduates, students and school groups (via CMSD and Tri-C), working and contracted artists, and neighbors in the Hough, MidTown, and Asiatown area who use the gallery, darkroom, and greenspace. General photographic community locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. High school students through the Career and Technical Education Program.
How many people will be served annually: Approximately 10,000 annually in total reach, including more than 1,000 in youth education programming.
Will low/moderate income people be served; if so how: Yes. CPR serves a low-to-moderate income community with free arts and nonprofit job training, underwritten memberships and services, a community greenspace, and paid roles for youth and recent graduates.
How does the project fit with the community and with other ongoing projects: The site anchors the Hough/MidTown/Asiatown corner near Morgan Conservatory and the Baseball Heritage Museum, and ties to the City's 2021 MidTown Neighborhood Vision Plan and partnerships with MidTown Cleveland, LAND Studio, SPACES, CMA, CMSD, and Tri-C. CPR plans a CTE site with CMSD on completion.
If applicable, how many jobs will be created or retained (specify the number for each) and will the jobs be permanent or temporary: Four new permanent full-time positions over the next year (darkroom/studio director, education director (recently funded) , curatorial, facilities/grounds), paid at or above market. Existing full- and part-time staff retained on a 2026 personnel budget exceeding \$450,000. The build supports roughly 60 construction FTE jobs over the year, and CPR directs about \$200,000 annually to contracted artists, curators, designers, and writers.

If applicable, what environmental issues or benefits will there be:

The site as purchased was a problematic site from an environmental perspective and non bankable due to environmental issues. Through the help of a \$3.3MM Brownfield Grant, the remediation of these environmental issues is currently underway. At construction completion the project will be a completely revitalized destination location for the Cleveland Print Room and the city of Cleveland with a State of Art Building and adjacent greenspace.

If applicable, how does this project serve as a catalyst for future initiatives:

The project turns a long-blighted brownfield into a permanent anchor and a replicable adaptive-reuse model, with nearby buildings positioned to follow as part of the greater MidTown initiative.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**Total Budget of Project:**

\$9Million +

Other Funding Sources of Project (list each source and dollar amount separately):

Total budget \$9,300,558

Sources: CPR equity \$1,581,375; ODOD Brownfield \$97,327 + \$3,321,856; Ohio Finance Fund \$225,000; Gund \$750,000; Cleveland Foundation \$900,000; Cleveland Development Advisors \$275,000; Cuyahoga County \$500,000; PRI \$150,000; Huntington loan \$1,500,000 and line of credit \$150,000.

Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars:

\$50,000

Since these are one-time dollars, how will the Project be sustained moving forward:

Completing our Fund Raising Initiatives to fill the remaining gaps – The project is also being evaluated for New Market Tax Credits. We are also continuing to work with a team for State operating funds.

DISCLAIMER INFORMATION AND SIGNATURE:

Disclaimer:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have the authority to apply for financial assistance on behalf of the entity described herein, and that the information contained herein and attached hereto is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

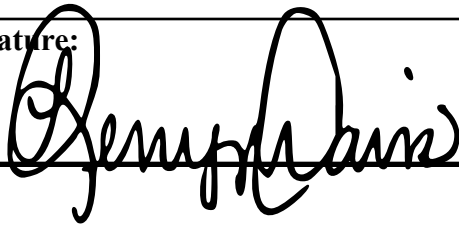
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I understand that any willful misrepresentation on this application or on any of the attachments thereto could result in a fine and/or imprisonment under relevant local, state, and/or federal laws or guidelines.

I agree that at any time, any local, state, or federal governmental agency, or a private entity on behalf of any of these governmental agencies, can audit these dollars and projects.

Printed Name:

Kerry Davis, Executive Director

Signature: 	Date: July 9, 2026
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Additional Documents
Are there additional documents or files as part of this application? Please list each documents name: None. All information is contained within this application.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2026-0231

Sponsored by: Councilmember Simon	A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$30,000, to the Friends of the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter for the Slow the Flow project from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County received \$239,898,257 from the Federal Government through the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”); and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County calculated 100% of the ARPA dollars as loss revenue under the U.S. Department of the Treasury Final Rule; and

WHEREAS, since all the ARPA dollars have been calculated as loss revenue, the ARPA dollars have been deposited in the County’s General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive and County Council have authorized \$86 million of the ARPA dollars for community grants to benefit the residents of Cuyahoga County (the “ARPA Community Grant Fund”); and

WHEREAS, of the \$86 million for community grants, \$66 million have been encumbered for equal distribution to each County Council District; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund in the amount of \$30,000 to the Friends of the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter for the Slow the Flow project; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter estimates approximately 175 dogs will be served annually through this award; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter estimates the total cost of the project is \$30,000; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter requested \$30,000 from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund to complete this project; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding in the amount of \$30,000 to the Friends of the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter to ensure this project is completed; and

WHEREAS, this Council by a vote of at least eight (8) members determines that it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue to provide for the usually, daily operations of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby awards a not-to-exceed amount of \$30,000 to the Friends of the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the Slow the Flow project.

SECTION 2. If any specific appropriation is necessary to effectuate this agreement, the Director of the Office of Budget and Management is authorized to submit the requisite documentation to financial reporting to journalize the appropriation.

SECTION 3. That the County Council staff is authorized to prepare all documents to effectuate said award.

SECTION 4. That the County Executive is authorized to execute all necessary agreements and documents consistent with said award and this Resolution.

SECTION 5. If requested or necessary, the Agency of the Inspector General or Department of Internal Audit is authorized to investigate, audit, or review any part of this award.

SECTION 6. To the extent that any exemptions are necessary under the County Code and contracting procedures, they shall be deemed approved by the adoption of this Resolution.

SECTION 7. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter.

Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 8. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: August 4, 2026

Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

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Cuyahoga County Council

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COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION:	
Name of Requesting Entity (City, Business, Non-Profit, etc.): Friends of the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter	
Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 25684, 12401 Rockside Rd., Garfield Heights, OH 44125	
County Council District # of Requesting Entity: 8	
Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity:	
County Council District # of Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity:	
Address of Entity:	
Contact Name of Person Filling out This Request: Mary Bynum	
Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity: N/A	
Email: admin@fccas.org	Phone: 216-469-8348

Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.: 81-2861934	Date: 20 July 2026
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION REQUEST DESCRIPTION (include the project name, a description of the project, why the project is important or needed, and timeline of milestones/tracking of the project): PROJECT NAME: Slow the Flow PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Slow the Flow started in January 2025 with the goal of reducing the intake of pit bulls at animal shelters in Cuyahoga County. To that end, it provides free spay and neuter of any owned pit bull living in the county. Slow the Flow began as a personal project, when the founder, Carianne Burnley, called a local low-cost clinic and asked whether she could sponsor a few pit bull spay/neuter surgeries. The clinic set aside five slots for her. So she called other clinics and arranged more surgeries. Eventually she set a goal of 60 surgeries in 2025. Slow the Flow ended 2025 with 92 surgeries completed using five clinics. At first Slow the Flow was self-funded by Carianne. But as word got out, people stepped up to give financial support. She was also able to call on members of the rescue community in Cuyahoga County to help her provide transportation to and from surgery when needed. To expand the program, Carianne started soliciting help from private vets in the area. She also persuaded some of the low-cost clinics that she was working with to offer free spay/neuter to pit bull owners when they brought their dogs in for other issues. Those clinics are now referring pet owners to Slow the Flow. In December 2025, the nonprofit Friends of the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter became a financial supporter of Slow the Flow. As a result of that partnership, the surgery rate doubled in less than 5 months and is projected to triple within 8 months. As of late June 2026, 230 surgeries have been completed since the project's inception, and over 100 people have signed up for future slots. NEED FOR PROJECT: The need for breed-specific spay/neuter in Cuyahoga County is urgent. Statistics for 2025 from the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter illustrate the problem that Slow the Flow addresses: • 42% of intakes either were pit bulls or had a mix of bully breeds as their primary or secondary visual breed identifiers. • length of stay for all dogs was 29.1 days; for pit bulls, it was 66.4 days. • 52.9% of the dogs euthanized were either a bully breed or a mix thereof. How has the situation in Cuyahoga County gotten to this point? Since the Covid pandemic, skyrocketing veterinary costs and a continued shortage in the veterinary workforce, especially for low cost spay/neuter services, have put affordable spay/neuter out of reach for the public. In our experience, many owners want to do the right thing and get their pit bulls fixed. But the rising cost of basic living expenses means that the cost of a spay/neuter surgery at their regular vet is prohibitively high, and when they call a low-cost clinic they face obstacles: after trying multiple times to reach a scheduler, they often have to wait up to three months for an appointment, during which time the risk of unwanted litters is a constant concern. We are seeing this unmet demand right now: Slow the Flow currently has a waiting list of more than 100 pit bull owners ready to spay and neuter their dogs.

TIMELINE:

The ARPA funds that FCCAS is requesting will enable Slow the Flow to continue operating as it has been for the past 18 months. On average during that period, 17 dogs per month have been altered. We anticipate that with the distribution of the requested amount, 14 dogs per month, for a total of 175, will be altered by 12 months from the distribution date.

Funding from Cuyahoga County will enable us to disrupt the overpopulation cycle and prevent thousands of unwanted pit bulls from ending up in local shelters and placing additional strain on their already overburdened facilities. By tackling this problem at the source, we can improve the lives of everyone in our community.

Project Start Date: upon distribution of funds

Project End Date: N/A

IMPACT OF PROJECT:

Who will be served:

Slow the Flow serves owners of pit-bull-type dogs living in Cuyahoga County.

How many people will be served annually: We anticipate being able to fund the spay or neuter of 175 dogs with the requested amount, which means we will serve up to 175 families (since some families own more than one).

Will low/moderate income people be served; if so how: Yes. Low/moderate-income people who own pit-bull-type dogs will be able to get those dogs spayed and neutered at no cost.

How does the project fit with the community and with other ongoing projects:

Whether you love them or not, everyone can agree that there are too many pit bulls in shelters. Slow the Flow is grounded in the idea that rather than try to adopt our way out of the problem, we should address it at its source. We have seen dramatic proof of demand from the community in the past 18 months. We have addressed the supply piece – finding vets who are willing and able to participate – through relentless communication, patient negotiation and organized marshalling of local resources. The final piece is funding, which is a constant challenge given the rising demand for our program and the astronomical rise in the cost of veterinary services in recent years. This is why we are asking Cuyahoga County to support Slow the Flow.

Our goal is to use the county's support to complete 175 surgeries within the next 12 months. We hope to see proof of Slow the Flow's effectiveness in reduced pit bull intake numbers at area shelters, with second-order effects that include:

- fewer pit bulls running at large
- fewer pit bulls being euthanized
- fewer pit bulls developing behavior issues during extended stays in shelters
- would-be adopters seeing a greater variety of dogs in shelters
- shelters experiencing relief from the overcrowding that has recently reached crisis proportions
- shelters enjoying an improved reputation in the community as their canine population diversifies.

If applicable, how many jobs will be created or retained (specify the number for each) and will the jobs be permanent or temporary: Slow the Flow is an all-volunteer program.

Address of Entity:

If applicable, what environmental issues or benefits will there be: Not applicable.

If applicable, how does this project serve as a catalyst for future initiatives:

Slow the Flow is a critical part of a broader community animal welfare strategy in Cuyahoga County, in that it:

- connects underserved pet owners to accessible veterinary care
- educates pet owners about the benefits of spaying and neutering their pets
- builds partnerships between public, private and non-profit sectors
- collects meaningful data about the needs of our community
- creates opportunities for targeted outreach in high-need neighborhoods, including in particular wellness strategies that will reduce communicable diseases

We are confident that ultimately Slow the Flow will strengthen the bond between pet owners and community resources to create a resilient animal welfare infrastructure in Cuyahoga County.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Total Budget of Project: At an average cost per procedure of approximately \$170, FCCAS needs funding in the amount of \$30,000 in order to spay and neuter 175 dogs.

Other Funding Sources of Project (list each source and dollar amount separately): Slow the Flow is funded by non-recurring private donations. Should a copy of our 990 or a detailed breakout of private donors be needed, one can be provided upon request.

Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars: \$30,000.

Since these are one-time dollars, how will the Project be sustained moving forward: Going forward, Friends of the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter will continue to solicit financial support from every possible source, including granting organizations, government entities and private donors.

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Printed Name: Mary Bynum

Signature:



Date: July 24 2026

Additional Documents

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