



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING
COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2024
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM

Committee Members:

Yvonne M. Conwell, Chair – District 7
Martin J. Sweeney, Vice Chair – District 3
Cheryl L. Stephens – District 10
Meredith M. Turner – District 9
Dale Miller – District 2

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 MEETING** [See Page 3]
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
 - a) R2024-0355: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to Friendly Inn Settlement, Inc. for infrastructure upgrades, expansion of program services, and operational support from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 8]
 - b) R2024-0357: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to Positive Plus for the Victims of Crime Conference and Retreat from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 17]

6. PRESENTATION

- a) Expansion of Medworks Oral Health and Dental Care in Cleveland - Britta Latz, Chief Executive Officer and Rosemary Pierce, Director of Advancement, Mobile Med1 d.b.a. Medworks

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

8. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR

1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Conwell called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Conwell asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members Conwell, Sweeney, Turner and Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Stephens was absent

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 24, 2024 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Sweeney and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2024 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2024-0309: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$5,000, to the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry for the "Welcome Home!" Anniversary Celebration from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Maria Foschia, President and Chief Executive Officer of Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0309. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2024-0309 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Ms. Turner, Mr. Miller, Mr. Sweeney and Ms. Conwell requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- b) R2024-0317: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to incYOU Resource Foundation Inc. for the Lifeline Cleveland Project from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Monica Grays, Founder and Executive Director and Ms. Lena Wilson, Project Manager and Co-Chair of Naomi Women of Distinction Project, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0317. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Grays and Ms. Wilson pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2024-0317 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- c) R2024-0318: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Harvard Community Services Center for the Grandparents Family Day and Resource Fair from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Louis Moore, Event Coordinator for the Grandparents Family Day and Resource Fair, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0318. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Moore pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

Ms. Conwell requested to add funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund; Mr. Sweeney requested to add funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and Ms. Turner requested to add funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund, which will be incorporated into a proposed substitute for consideration at the next Council meeting for second reading.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2024-0318 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Miller, Ms. Turner and Ms. Conwell requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

d) R2024-0343: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Master Contract with various providers for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to Skills Employment and Training services for the period 10/1/2023 – 9/30/2024 to extend the time period to 9/30/2025, to make budget line item revisions, and for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed \$1,257,500.00, effective 10/1/2024; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Master Contract and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Contract No. 3684 with The Centers for Families and Children in the amount not-to-exceed \$130,000.00.
- 2) Contract No. 3704 with Cleveland Center for Arts & Technology dba New Bridge Cleveland in the amount not-to-exceed \$400,000.00.
- 3) Contract No. 3707 with Cuyahoga County Public Library in the amount not-to-exceed \$27,500.00.
- 4) Contract No. 3710 with Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland and East Central Ohio, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00.
- 5) Contract No. 3706 with Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00.
- 6) Contract No. 3708 with Towards Employment in the amount not-to-exceed \$200,000.00.
- 7) Contract No. 3711 with West Side Catholic Center in the amount not-to-exceed \$300,000.00.

Mr. Marcos Cortes, Administrator of the Division of Contracts and Performance for the Department of Health and Human Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0343. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Cortes pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2024-0343 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.

- e) R2024-0344: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 4223 with Catholic Charities Corporation for success coaching services for eligible Ohio Works First applicants and management of the incentive payment system in connection with the Benefit Bridge Pilot Program for the period 3/1/2024 – 12/31/2024 to extend the time period to 6/30/2025, to make budget line item revisions, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,870,000.00, effective 7/1/2024; 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 and Mr. Paul Bounds, Deputy Administrator for Cuyahoga Job & Family Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0344. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2024-0344 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.

- f) R2024-0345: A Resolution making awards on RQ14523 to various providers in the total amount not-to-exceed \$1,575,000.00 for emergency assistance services for the period 9/1/2024 – 8/31/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute a Master Contract and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Contract No. 4620 with A-Z Furniture Co., Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$315,000.00.
- 2) Contract No. 4617 with Burlington Stores, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$500,000.00.
- 3) Contract No. 4622 with Dave’s Supermarket, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$125,000.00.

- 4) Contract No. 4621 with Penney OpCo, LLC dba JCPenney in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$250,000.00.
- 5) Contract No. 4619 with West 25th Furnishings and Appliances, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$385,000.00.

Mr. Cortes addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0345. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Cortes pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2024-0345 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) Various Capital Improvements - Atunyese Herron, President and Chief Executive Officer, East End Neighborhood House, Inc.

Ms. Atunyese Herron, President and Chief Executive Officer; Dr. Tatiana Wells, Board Chair; and Mr. Derrick Fulton, Board Member for the East End Neighborhood House, Inc., made a presentation to the committee, which included an overview of the organization's mission, purpose and the services they offer to the community. They also provided an update on the expenses and capital improvements made on the Ubuntu Gathering Place and other various landscaping and maintenance improvements.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Herron, Dr. Wells and Mr. Fulton pertaining to the presentation, which they answered accordingly.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 2:38 p.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2024-0355

Sponsored by: Councilmember Turner	A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to Friendly Inn Settlement, Inc. for infrastructure upgrades, expansion of program services, and operational support from the District 9 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 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund in the amount of \$10,000 to Friendly Inn Settlement, Inc. for infrastructure upgrades, expansion of program services, and operational support; and

WHEREAS, Friendly Inn Settlement, Inc. estimates approximately 7,000 people will be served annually through this award; and

WHEREAS, Friendly Inn Settlement, Inc. estimates approximately 4 permanent and temporary jobs will be created or retained through this project; and

WHEREAS, Friendly Inn Settlement, Inc. estimates the total cost of the project is \$1,000,000; and

WHEREAS, Friendly Inn Settlement, Inc. indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes:

- A. \$645,000 from Sherrod Brown’s Appropriation Funds for Workforce Development (pending);
- B. \$800,000 from the Mandel Foundation (application upcoming);
- C. \$100,000 raised from Friendly Inn Settlement, Inc.’s Signature Event;
- D. \$13,000 from personal donations;
- E. \$20,000 from Women’s Philanthropic Union; and

WHEREAS, Friendly Inn Settlement, Inc. is estimating the start date of the project will be January 2024 and the project will be completed by December 2024; and

WHEREAS, Friendly Inn Settlement, Inc. requested \$10,000 from the District 9 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 Friendly Inn Settlement, Inc. 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 Friendly Inn Settlement, Inc. from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for infrastructure upgrades, expansion of program services, and operational support.

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 concerning and 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: October 8, 2024
Committee(s) Assigned: Health, Human Services & Aging

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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.): Friendly Inn Settlement, Inc.	
Address of Requesting Entity: 2386 Unwin Road Cleveland, Ohio 44101	
County Council District # of Requesting Entity: #8	
Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity: Same as above	
County Council District # of Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity: Same as above	
Contact Name of Person Filling out This Request: Yolanda Y. Armstrong, MSSA, LSW	
Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity: Same as above	
Email: yarmstrong@thefriendlyinn.org	Phone: 216-431-7656
Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.: 34-0714413	Date: 9/17/2024

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):

Friendly Inn Settlement, Inc. is celebrating 150 Years of Service to the Central Neighborhood. The organization is a non-profit Social Services Agency that provides services that address maternal and infant health, food insecurity, youth programming, community-based services that wraps services around families in need of assistance.

The focus of this year's goal is to obtain funding to support infrastructure upgrades, expansion of program services and operational support. The timeline of reaching monetary goal is the entire year of 2024. Our goal is to raise \$1 Million Dollars through grant writing and fundraising events.

This project is important because our agency is needed in the community for individuals and families as well as community partners who need space to host events for the 7000 plus residents we serve such as Job Fairs, Expungement Clinics, Health and Wellness Programs, focus groups, community meetings, job training, SNAP Benefits, visitation clinics for parents to see their children in a safe environment, Community Baby Showers for expecting mother, Back to School/Ward 5 Festival, Shoes and Clothes for Kids, Holiday Food Drive and Toy Drive, just to name a few. To host these events, we must provide a safe and conducive atmosphere free from heating and cooling issues, roof leaking issues, and a safe playground for our young children to enjoy.

Project Start Date: 1/2024

Project End Date: 12/2024

IMPACT OF PROJECT:

Who will be served: Primarily residents in the Central community but we do have at least 3 programs that serve all of Cuyahoga County.

How many people will be served annually: 7,000+

Will low/moderate income people be served; if so how: Over 89% of our families we serve are low income. We are located in the heart of the CMHA Housing Estates and serve many of the families.

How does the project fit with the community and with other ongoing projects: This project is about serving the community and with this project we can continue to provide a safe environment for all, expand our services to accommodate more people in need and support operational needs.

If applicable, how many jobs will be created or retained (specify the number for each) and will the jobs be permanent or temporary: 4 jobs will be retained from this project.

If applicable, what environmental issues or benefits will there be: Benefits include safer and cleaner environment, increased capacity to serve more, building stronger relationships with community partners and residents.

If applicable, how does this project serve as a catalyst for future initiatives: When this project succeeds we all succeed. We have applied for future funding to increase workforce development, expand our Hot Meals program for the Elderly as well as develop new programming related to health and wellness for all.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Total Budget of Project: \$1 Million Dollars

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

We have applied to Sherrod Brown's Appropriation Funds for Workforce Development \$645,000 and waiting to see if we will be awarded for Year 2025

We are applying for funding to the Mandel Foundation for Building Improvements up to \$800,000 due 10/17/2024

We raised thus far \$100,000 for our Signature Event that is being held on October 4th

We raised \$13,000 in personal donations

We received \$20,000 from Women's Philanthropic Union

Total amount requested of County Council American Resource Act Dollars:

We are requesting \$10,000

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

By bringing on new Board Members committed to raising \$100,000 of unrestricted funds with our present members on an annual basis.

Annual Gala as a Signature Event

Obtaining new grant funds that are not all reimbursable grants

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: Yolanda Y. Armstrong, MSSA, LSW

Signature: 	Date: 9/21/2024
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Additional Documents

Are there additional documents or files as part of this application? Please list each documents name:
Sponsorship Packet for the 150th Anniversary Gala
Certificate of Liability

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2024-0357

Sponsored by: Councilmember Turner	A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to Positive Plus for the Victims of Crime Conference and Retreat from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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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 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund in the amount of \$10,000 to Positive Plus for the Victims of Crime Conference and Retreat; and

WHEREAS, Positive Plus estimates approximately 125 families will be served annually through this award; and

WHEREAS, Positive Plus estimates the total cost of the project is \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, Positive Plus indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes:

- A. \$9,000 from the United Black Fund;
- B. \$5,000 from the Voices of Black Mother’s United, Woodson Center;
- C. \$5,000 from Neighborhood Connection; and

WHEREAS, Positive Plus held the conference on August 21, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Positive Plus requested \$10,000 from the District 9 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 Positive Plus 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 Positive Plus from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the Victims of Crime Conference and Retreat.

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.

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COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION:
Name of Requesting Entity (City, Business, Non-Profit, etc.): Positive Plus
Address of Requesting Entity: 1366 East 114 th Street
County Council District # of Requesting Entity:
Address or Location of Project if Different than Requesting Entity: City of Cleveland / Cuyahoga County
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: Yvonne Pointer

Contact Address if different than Requesting Entity:

Email:

yvonnepointer@aol.com
yp@higherground55.com

Phone:

216-392-5045

Federal IRS Tax Exempt No.:

34-1929225

Date:

09/30/2024

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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

The Victims of Crime Conference & Retreat -Write the Vision Book Retreat

There are limited efforts in Cuyahoga County that directly serve family members who have experienced homicide or violent loss by helping them connect and build community. This project supports family members in telling the stories of the lives of the children, brothers, sisters, and spouses they lost. The conference, writing workshops, and book projects help family members process trauma and disenfranchise grief often experienced in homicide cases. This project is designed to create space for family members to discuss their shared grief and losses but also to celebrate the lives of their family members, especially the memories and stories not shared publicly at the time of their deaths, when the focus is often on how they died.

"I was under the presumption that Michael and I had many years to make memories. There's not a day that goes by I don't think about Michael. I was blessed when God chose me to be his mother. What I didn't know was that he would only be here for 19 years. I miss him so much that my heartaches, and at times this pain is unbearable; never in a million years I would have thought I had to do life without him. I have concluded that life is different as I once knew it and grief, I must do life together." – Evette Conway, Contributing Writer

Although our focus is not just on the African American community, the statistics within this community of people are sobering at best. Black and brown youth are dying violent deaths in far more significant proportion than youth of other races. This epidemic of violence has a long-lasting impact on families and communities like Cleveland, Ohio, and the surrounding communities. People are grieving. Their hope for tomorrow has been shattered. Not willing to give up and give in to this violence, the Gloria Pointer Teen Movement, Positive Plus, Inc., and Higher Ground Speakers and Consultant Bureau, founded by local activist, author, and community leader Dr. Yvonne Pointer, have joined forces with organizations such as Signal Cleveland, YWCA Greater Cleveland, City of Cleveland's Department of Public Safety, Voices of Black Mothers United and The Woodson Center just to name a few to present the **"Annual Victims of Crime Write the Vision Conference and Book Project."** The VOC Write the Vision project is more than a conference; it is an opportunity for victims to heal, get the necessary tools to move their families forward, and understand the judicial process many have never experienced.

The project is essential because it creates a community of individuals who continue to support each other. This ongoing connection can contribute to sustained healing and prevention efforts. It will empower a community of individuals to look at existing policies and become change agents. VOC Write the Vision project uses writing as a healing tool. According to the National Library of Medicine article "Writing therapy: a new tool for general practice?" says, writing can facilitate cognitive processing of traumatic memories.

The annual project is outlined below:

- **Writing Workshop** - Too often, the stories told by news outlets or online focus on how a person died, not how they lived or what we remember most about them. Writing opens the door to begin processing the traumatic memories of the event that changed their lives. *Sessions are held in person and virtual*
- **Conference Retreat** – 2 Day conference and retreat filled with workshops, community partners, and resources

- **Community outings** – Bringing families together to take their minds off their trauma
- **Documentary** – Filming and production of the documentary that is aired during

Project Start Date:

August 21, 2024 – First writing workshop

IMPACT OF PROJECT:

Who will be served:

Families throughout Cuyahoga County

How many people will be served annually:

The conference is open to 100 families, and 25 families are eligible to participate in the book project, all at no cost to the families.

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

Yes. All events are at no cost to the families.

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

In the community, there are immediate responses and support for families who experience homicide. Those responses are often tied to the justice system process. Only a few projects create an environment where family members can connect and build needed support and amplify the voices and experiences of family members in a way that news outlets or local officials don't filter.

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

not applicable

Address of Entity:

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

Trauma creates an environmental issue when families are not healthy.

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

Victims of Crimes Conference Retreat is the catalyst to the healing process, addressing generational trauma and the mental health fallout of losing a loved one to violence. It creates the possibility for future literacy initiatives for the entire family. It brings the family and the community together. It is creating avenues for family members to share. The initiative opens the door for partnership throughout the community rather than forcing them to cope alone. It will support the city, county, and state initiatives that are focused on helping families heal from the violent deaths and the ways in which they affect the community.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Total Budget of Project: \$25,000

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

United Black Fund \$9,000

Voices of Black Mother's United, Woodson Center \$5,000

Neighborhood Connections \$5,000

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 moving forward through various grants and fundraising projects**

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 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:
Yvonne Pointer

Signature:

Date:9/30/2024

Additional Documents

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