

RESOLUTION NO. 87-2021 (PD)

By Council Member Dunbar

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Home Repair Resource Center (“HRRC”), a non-profit corporation, for the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds for assistance with HRRC’s housing counseling, home-repair and home-improvement programs; providing compensation therefor; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the City has previously entered into agreements with the Home Repair Resource Center (“HRRC”) under which the City has assisted with the funding for various HRRC housing counseling, home-repair and home-improvement programs; and

WHEREAS, in the past the City has also provided funding to assist with the operating expenses of such programs; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the City’s best interest to continue to provide funding to HRRC to aid in its efforts to prevent deterioration and blight in the City’s housing stock, encourage and enable residents to make necessary repairs, and support the City’s code enforcement efforts; and

WHEREAS, there are monies available for such purpose from Year 47 Community Development Block Grant Funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The City Manager be, and she is hereby, authorized to enter into an agreement and related documents with the Home Repair Resource Center (“HRRC”) to provide funding from Year 47 Community Development Block Grant funds for HRRC’s programs and operating expenses up to the amounts as listed here: One Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$139,000) for HRRC Program Delivery Expenses; Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for Assist Incentive Grants; Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for Deferred Loan Match; Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500) for the Senior Home Stability Grant, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for the Assist 0% Benefit Program and Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for Housing Counseling; for a total grant of up to One Hundred and Eighty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$189,000).

SECTION 2. The services to be performed by HRRC shall be as set forth in the Statement of Work attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein. All documents shall be in a form approved by the Director of Law.

SECTION 3. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

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SECTION 4. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to allow the services of HRRC to continue without interruption. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

JASON S. STEIN
President of the Council

AMY HIMMELEIN
Clerk of Council

PASSED: June 21, 2021

EXHIBIT A
STATEMENT OF WORK

HOME REPAIR RESOURCE CENTER

Home Repair Resource Center (“HRRC”), formerly known as FHC Housing Corporation, is a non-profit organization chartered in 1971. Its mission is to strengthen and promote the housing stock of Cleveland Heights through education, financial assistance, counseling, and community involvement, in order to support the economic, social, and racial diversity of the community. HRRC’s programs recognize the special needs of low- and moderate-income homeowners and provide incentives to encourage and facilitate their participation. Programs are designed to maintain the condition and value of housing in Cleveland Heights.

HRRC has several components that receive CDBG funding. The first is HRRC’s operating expenses. This includes personnel and administrative costs associated with programs that benefit low- and moderate-income persons. Home Repair Resource Center will provide comprehensive budget and credit counseling services to residents of Cleveland Heights through the Housing Counseling Program. Services will be provided through classroom and individual counseling.

Rollover and new CDBG funds support several of HRRC’s programs. The Assist Benefit program includes the Assist 0%, Deferred Loan Match and Assist Incentive programs. The Assist 0% benefit helps recipients borrow funds for repairs. It reduces the principal financed so that the total repaid to the bank is equivalent to a no-interest loan. The Assist Incentive grant provides a grant of up to \$1000 to complete a major improvement (roof and gutters, major plumbing, major wiring, new heating systems). The grant is increased to \$1500 for seniors who are replacing a roof or furnace. The Deferred Loan Match program enables recipients to defer payment of half the cost (to a maximum of \$3000) of replacing major systems of a home (roof, heating, plumbing or electrical). The Senior Home Stability Grant program provides grants of up to \$1000 to assist homeowners with the repairs to their home which will allow them to age in place. All programs assist low- and moderate-income owner-occupied households as defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

HRRC will serve approximately 100 households through their Financial Assistance Programs and 322 households through their Housing Counseling Program.