

RESOLUTION NO. 90-2021

By Council Member Dunbar

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Severance Tower Local Advisory Council, a non-profit corporation, for the use of Community Development Block Grant funds in support of its Accessible Community Garden Project; providing compensation therefor; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the Severance Tower Local Advisory Council is a non-profit corporation that was founded in order to organize and facilitate the feedback of the residents of the project-based Section 8 Severance Tower apartment complex; and

WHEREAS, Severance Tower is a Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority apartment complex that houses elderly and permanently disabled residents; and

WHEREAS, the Severance Tower Local Advisory Council is seeking to replace its current community garden with an accessible community garden and community space that will facilitate the involvement of the disabled residents of the building and provide healthy food for those same residents; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the City and its residents to provide partial funding to assist such programming; and

WHEREAS, there are monies available for such purpose from Year 46 and 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 any related documents with the Severance Tower Local Advisory Council, a non-profit corporation, for assistance with its Accessible Community Garden. The agreement shall provide for funding in the amount of up to Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) from Year 46 Community Development Block Grant funds and up to Fourteen Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars (\$14,400) from Year 47 Community Development Block Grant funds. The services to be performed by the Severance Tower Local Advisory Council are set forth in the Statement of Work attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein. The agreement shall be subject to the approval as to form by the Director of Law.

SECTION 2. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 3. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure

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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 the Family Connections of Northeast Ohio to continue without interruption. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) 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.

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JASON S. STEIN  
President of the Council

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AMY HIMMELEIN  
Clerk of Council

PASSED: June 21, 2021

**EXHIBIT A**  
**STATEMENT OF WORK**

**SEVERANCE TOWER LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Severance Tower Local Advisory Council is a non-profit corporation founded in order to both organize the residents of the Severance Tower apartment complex and to serve as a channel to provide feedback to the Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority. Severance Tower is a project-based Section 8 building that serves elderly and permanently disabled low-income residents.

The Severance Tower Local Advisory Council will be replacing their traditional community garden with an accessible garden and community space in order to facilitate the inclusion of disabled residents into the community garden program and to provide healthy food for residents of the building.

The project will benefit approximately 200 households. CDBG funds will contribute towards design and capital improvement expenses. The project is located at Severance Tower, 25 Severance Circle, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118.