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CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO.

Presented by the Administration

ORDINANCE NO. 25 - 2023

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH AKRON METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE PURCHASE OF WIFI ENABLED DEVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City receives Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, CDBG funds can be used to assist with broadband connectivity infrastructure to bridge the gap in resources available for persons of low-to-moderate income; and

WHEREAS, CDBG funds can be utilized to also purchase necessary equipment, such as laptops, tablets, and routers, for persons of low-to-moderate income; and

WHEREAS, the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority ("AMHA") requested that the City provide CDBG funds for their Digital Equity and Inclusion Program; and

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of providing CDBG funding to AMHA for the necessary broadband infrastructure at the Ray C. Sutliff building located at 1850 Second Street, Honey Locust Apartments located at 3299 Prange Drive, and Lobello Lane Apartments located at 3299 Prange Drive; and

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of providing CDBG funding for the purchase of WIFI enabled devices for the residents of the Ray C. Sutliff building; and

WHEREAS, AMHA has also partnered with the Woodridge Local School District to provide WIFI enabled devices for the students living at its Honey Locust and Lobello Lane apartment complexes; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG Loan and Grant Review Committee approved the Mayor to enter into CDBG agreements with AMIIA, in an amount not to exceed \$86,833 for the aforementioned installation of the necessary broadband infrastructure and purchase of WIFI enabled devices; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cuyahoga Falls wishes to enter into CDBG Agreements with AMHA, in an amount not to exceed \$86,833 for the aforementioned installation of the necessary broadband infrastructure and purchase of WIFI enabled devices.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, County of Summit, and State of Ohio that:

<u>Section 1.</u> The Mayor is authorized to enter into CDBG agreements with AMHA, in an amount not to exceed \$86,833.00 for the installation of necessary broadband infrastructure at the Ray C. Sutliff building, located at 1850 Second Street, Honey Locust Apartments located at 3299 Prange Drive, and Lobello Lane Apartments located at 3299 Prange Drive, and for the purchase of WIFI enabled devices for the residents of the Ray C. Sutliff building, located at 1850 Second Street.

<u>Section 2.</u> The Director of Finance is hereby authorized to make payments from the CDBG Fund, line item Other Operations in an amount not to exceed \$86,833.

<u>Section 3.</u> Any ordinances or resolutions or portions of ordinances and resolutions inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, but any ordinances and resolutions not inconsistent herewith and which have not previously been repealed are hereby ratified and confirmed.

<u>Section 4.</u> It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council and concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, to the extent applicable, including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances.

Section 5. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of Cuyahoga Falls and the inhabitants thereof, and provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: 3-13-7023

President of Council

Clerk of Council

Approved: 3-13-1023

Mayor

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