

Proposed: 10/16/2023

RESOLUTION NO. 168-2023(AS), *First Reading*

Introduced by Councilmember Boyd

A Resolution authorizing an agreement with the Journey Center for Healing and Safety for a Victim Advocate in the Cleveland Heights Municipal Court; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the City currently has an agreement with the Journey Center for Healing and Safety (the "Center") (fka as the Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center) to provide a Domestic Violence Victim Advocate in the Cleveland Heights Municipal Court for victims of domestic violence and other related services; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to continue the services of the Victim Advocate, who assists with safety planning, protection orders and understanding of court processes and options, and provides access to Domestic Violence prevention services such as supervised visitation, therapy, safe housing and support groups as well as local community resources such as food banks, furniture, education, job training and child support resources; and

WHEREAS, the Center also provides other related services such as training for Court and law enforcement personnel; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the City and its residents to continue to provide such services.

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

SECTION 1. This Council hereby authorizes an agreement with the Journey Center for Healing and Safety (fka the Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center) to continue the provision of services for victims of domestic violence in the Cleveland Heights Municipal court including the provision of a Victim Advocate. The agreement shall be for a period of two years, shall provide for total compensation in a sum not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00), and shall contain such other terms as recommended by the Mayor and 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.

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SECTION 4. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure 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 continue to provide services for victims of domestic violence 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.

MELODY JOY HART
President of Council

ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: _____

Approved: _____

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor